K. England. Henry VIII.

ANNO XXVI.
HENRICI VIII.

ACTES MADE IN THE session of this present parlyament holden vpon prorogation at Westm̄, the. III. day of Nouēbre, in the. XXVI. yere of the reygne of our moste drad souteraigne lorde kynge HENRY the VIII, and there continued and kepte tyll the, XVIII. day of Decēber nexte insuinge.

To the honor of god, and for the cōmon weale and profite of this realme.

THO. BERTHELET EXCVDEBAT. CVM PRIVILEGIO.

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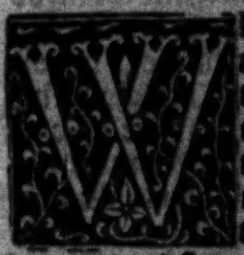
Albeit the kynges maiestie iustely and ryghtfully is and ought to be the supreme heed of the churche of England, and so is recognysed by the clergy of this realme in their conuocations: yet neuertheles for corroboration & confirmation therof, and for encrease of vertu in Christis religion within this realme of Englande, and to repelle & extirpe all errours heresies & other enormityes & abuses heretofore vsed in the same: Be it enacted by auctoritye of this present parlyament, that the kynge our soueraygne lorde, his heires and successours kynges of this realme, shal be taken accepted & reputed the onely supreme heed in yerth of the churche of Englande, called *Anglicana ecclesia*, And shal haue & enioy annexed and vnyted to the imperiall crowne of this realme, as well the title & stile therof, as all honours, dignities, preeminences, iurisdictions, priuileges, auctorities, immunities, profytis, & commodities to the sayd dignitie of supreme heed of the same churche belongyng and appertenyng. And that our sayd soueraygne lorde, his heyres & successours, kynges of this realme, shal haue ful power and auctoritie from tyme to tyme to visite represse redresse reforme ordre correct restrayne and amende all suche errours, heresies, abuses, offences, contemptes, and enormities, what so euer they be, whiche by any maner spirituall auctoritie or iurisdiction ought or maye lawfully be reformed, repressed, ordred, redressed, corrected, restrayned or amended: most to the pleasure of almyghty god, the encrease of vertu in Christis religion, & for the conseruation of the pece vnite & tranquillite of this realme, any vsage, custome, foreyne lawes, foreyne auctorite, prescription, or any other thynge or thynges to the contrary hereof not withstondyng.

¶ An acte ratifienge the othe, that euery of the kynges subiectes hath taken and shall hereafter be bounde to take for due obseruation of the acte, made for the suretie of the succession of the kynges hyghnes in the crowne of the realme. Cap. ii.



Where at the last session of this present parlyament, in the acte then made for the establysshement of the succession of the heyres of the kynges hyghnes in the imperial crowne of this realme, it is contayned amonges other thynges, that all and synguler the kynges subiectes, as well the nobles spirituall and temporall, as other, shuld make & take a corporalle othe, whan so euer it shulde please the kynges maiestie or his heires to appoynt, that they shulde truely, fermely, and constantly without fraude or gyle obserue fulfylle mayntayne defend

and kepe to theyr connynge wytte and vttermoſt of theyr powers, the hole effectes and contentes of the ſayde acte, as in the ſame acte amonge other thynges more playnely appereth. And at the daye of the laſte prorogation of this preſente parliament, as well the nobles ſpirituall and temporall, as other the comons of this preſente parliamente then aſſembled in the hyghe houſe of the parliamente, moſte louyngely accepted and toke ſuche othe as then was deuyſed in writynge for mayntenaunce and defence of the ſayde acte: and mente and entended at that tyme, that euerye other the kynges ſubiectes ſhoulde be bounde to accepte and take the ſame, vpon the peynes conteyned in the ſayde acte. The tenour of whiche othe hereafter enſueth.

¶ Ye ſhall ſwere to beare faythe, truthe, and obedience alonely to the kinges mateſty, & to his heyres of his body of his moſt dere & entierely beloued lawfull wife Quene Anne begotten and to begotten. And further to the heires of our ſayd ſouereygne lorde accordinge to the limitation in the ſtatute made for ſuretie of his ſucceſſion in the crowne of this realme mencioned and conteyned, and not to any other within this realme nor forreyne auctoritie or potentate. And in caſe any othe be made or hath be made by you to any perſon or perſones, that then ye to repute the ſame as vayne and adnichilate. And that to your connynge, witte, and vttermoſte of youre power, without gyle fraude or other vndue meane, ye ſhall obſerue kepe mayntaigne and defend the ſayd acte of ſucceſſion, and al the hole effectes and contentes therof, and al other actes and ſtatutes made in confyrmation or for execution of the ſame, or of any thynge therin conteyned. And this ye ſhall do agaynſte all maner of perſones, of what eſtate dygnitie degree or condition ſo euer they be. And in no wyſe do or attempt, nor to youre power ſuffre to be doone or attempted directly, or in directly any thynge or thynges priuely or apparttye, to the lette, hynderaunce, damage, or derogation thereof, or of any parte of the ſame, by any maner of meanes, or for any maner of pretence, ſo helpe you god, all ſayntes, and the holy euangeliſtes.

¶ And for as moche as it is conuenient for the ſure mayntenance and defence of the ſame act, that the ſaid othe ſhuld not onely be auctoriſed by auctoritie of parlyamente, but alſo be interprete and expowned by the hole aſſent of this preſent parlyament, that it was mente and entended by the kinges mateſtie, the lordes and commons of the parlyamente, atte the ſayde day of the ſayde laſt prorogation, that euery ſubiecte ſhulde be bounden to take the ſame othe, accordynge to the tenoure and effecte thereof, vppon the peynes and penalyties conteyned in the ſayde acte: Therfore be hit enacted by auctoritie of this preſente parlyamente, that the ſayde othe aboue reherſed, ſhalbe interprete expowned reputed accepted & adiuged the verye othe, that the kynges hyghneſſe, the lordes ſpyrytualle and temporalle, and the commons of this preſente parlyamente, mente and intended, that euerye ſubiecte of this Realme ſhoulde be obliged;

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and bounden to take and accepte for mayntenaunce and defence of the same act, vpon the peynes conteyned in the sayd act. And that euery of the kinges subiectes, vppon the sayde peynes shalbe obliged to accepte and take the sayde othe.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctorite afore sayd, that the comyssioners, that hereafter shalbe appoynted to receyue suche othe of the kynges subiectes, or two of them at the lest, shall haue power and auctorite to certifie in to the kynges benche by wrytynge, vnder theyr seales euery refusel that hereafter shalbe made afore them of the same othe by any person or persons commynge afore them, to take the same othe. And that euery such certificat to be made by suche Commyssioners (as is afore sayd) shalbe taken as strange and as auaylable in the lawe, as an Inditement of xii. men lawfully founden of the sayde refusell. So that the person and persons, ayenste whom any suche certificat shalbe made, shalbe compelled to answere ther vnto, as if they were endited. And that such proces, iudgement, execution, & euery other thyng shalbe had, vsed, & mynistred of & vpon euery suche certificat ayenst the offendours, as if they had ben lawfully indited of such offences by the due course and order of the commen lawes of this realme.

¶ An acte concernynge the paymente of hyste fruites of all dignities, benefices, and promotions spirituall: and also concernynge one annuell pencion of the tenthe part of al the possessions of the churche spirituall and temporalle, graunted to the kynges hyghnes and his heyres. Capitulo. iii.

FOr as moche as it is and of verye ductie oughte to be the naturall inclination of all good people, lyke mooste faythfull louing and obedient subiectes, sincerely and wyllingly to desyre to prouide, not only for the publike weale of theyr native contrey, but also for the supportation mayntenaunce and defence of the royal estate of theyr most drad benigne and gracious soueraygn lord, vpon whom and in whom dependeth al theyr ioy and welthe: in whom also is knyted and knyt so princely a harte and courage, myxed with mercy wysedom and iustyce, And also a natural affection ioyned to the same, as by the great inestimable and beneuolent argumentes therof beinge mooste bountefully largely and many tymes shewed, mynystred and approued towardes his louynge and obedient subiectes, hath well apered: whiche requireth a lyke correspondence of gratitude to be considered accordynge to theyr most bounden duelies. wherfore his sayd humble and obedient subiectes, as well the lordes spirituall and temporall, as the commons in this present parlyament assembled, callinge to theyr remembrance not only the manye folde and innumerable benefittes dayly administred by his highenesse to them al, and to the residue of all other his subiectes of this realme: But also howe longe tyme his maiestie hath mooste victoriously, by his hyghe wisedome and polycye, protected, defended, and gouerned this

his realme and mayntayned his people and subiectes of the same in tranquillitee peace vnite quietnes and welth. And also considering what great excessiue and inestimable charges his hyghnes hath heretofore benne at, and susteyned by the space of fyue and twenty hole yeres, and also daylye susteyneth for the maintenãce ruption and defence of this his realme, and his louynge subiectes of the same, whiche can not be susteyned and borne without some honorable prouysion & remedy may be made foũde prouided and ordeyned for mayntenaunce therof: Wo therfore desyre and most humbly praye, that for the more suertie of contynuaunce & augmentation of his hyghnes royall astate, beinge not onely nowe recognised (as he alwayes in dede heretofore hath bene) the onely supreme heed in erthe next and immediately vnder god of the churche of Englande, but also theyr most assured and vndouted natural souereygne liege lorde & kyng, hauyng the hole gouernaunce tuicion defence and mayntenaunce of this his Realme and moste louynge obedient subiectes of the same. It maye therfore be ordeyned and enacted by his highnes, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, in maner and forme folowynge.

¶ That is to saye, that the kynges hyghnes, his heyres and successours kynges of this Realme, shall haue and enioye from tyme to tyme to endure for euer, of euery suche person and persones, whiche at any tyme after the firste daye of Januarye next comynge shalbe nominated elected prefected presented collated or by any other meanes appoynted to haue any Archebushoprliche, Bysshoprliche, Abbacye, Monastery, Priory, College, hospitalle, Archedeaconry, Deanry, prouesshyp, Prebende, parsonage, vicarage, Chauntrie, Frechapell, or other dignitie benifice office or promocion spirituall within this realme, or els where within any of the kynges dominions, of what name nature or qualite so euer they be, or to whose foundacion patronage or gifte so euer they belonge, the firste fruites reuenewes and profites for one yere of euery suche Archebyshopprliche byshoprliche abbacy monastery prior college hospitall, archedeconrye, deanrye, prouesshyp prebende parsonage vicarage chaunterie frechappell or other dignite benifice office or promotiõ spirituall afore named, wherunto any suche persone or persones shall after the sayde fyrste daye of Januarye be nominated, elected, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appoynted. And that euery suche persone and persones before any actual or real possession, or medlyng with the profites of any suche archbyshoprliche, byshoprlich, abbacye monastery college hospitall deanry prouesshyp prebende personage vicarage chauntrie freechappell priourie or other dignitie benefice office or promotion spirituall, shall satisfie contente and paye or compownde or agree to paye to the kynges vse at resonable dayes vpon good suerties, the sayde fyrste fruites and profites for one yere.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the Chauncellour of Englande and mayster of the Rolles for the tyme beinge, ioyntly and

seuerally, or suche other parson and parsones as shall pleace the kynges highnes his heyres or successours from tyme to tyme, at his or theyr pleasure, to name and depute by Commission or commyssions vnder the great seale, shall haue power and auctorite as well to examyne and serche for the iuste and true value of the sayde fyrste fruites and profites by all wayes and meanes that they canne, as to compound and agree for the rate of the sayde fyrste fruites and profites, and to stall and lymytte reasonable dayes for payment therof vppon good and sufficient suertie or suerties, by wrytynges obligatorye by theyr discretions. And if composicion or agrement be had or made for the sayde fyrste fruites before the sayde lorde Chauncellour or master of the Rolles, that than the wrytynges obligatory or money taken for the same, shal reste remayne & abyde in the hanaper of the kinges chauncerie, there sauely to be kepte to the kynges vse, And the money to be due of suche wrytinges obligatory, or to be receyued in hande by reason of any such composicion, shalbe payed in the sayd hanaper, to the clerke of the hanaper for the tyme beinge, And that the sayd clerke of the hanaper shall make a true and a iust accompte therof like as he is bound to do of the money receyued of the profites of the kinges great seale. And yf composicion, or agrement be had or made for the sayd first fruites, afore any other person or persons to be deputed by the kynges highnes, his heires or successours, by commyssion vnder his great seale, that the the wrytinges obligatory and money taken for the same, shalbe deliuered to the treasorer of the kynges moste honorable Chamber for the tyme beinge, or elles where, to whome it shal please the kynges highnes his heyres or successours to gyue auctorite by commission vnder his great seale, to receyue the same. ¶ And it is also ordeyned and enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that euery wrytynge of acquitaunce subscribed with the hande and name of the clerke of the hanaper and treasorer of the chamber, or other commissioners afore sayde, or any of them, wytnessinge the receipt of the sayd fyrst fruites or any parte therof, shalbe as good and effectual agaynst the kynges highnes, his heyres and successours, to euery persone and persones, haynge the same, for so moche money as shall be mencioned to be receyued and conteyned in euery suche acquitaunce, as if suche acquitaunce were or had bene lawfully hadde and opteyned in the kynges name vnder the kinges great seale, & so shalbe admitted accepted & alowed and taken in euery of the kynges courtes. And that all wrytynges obligatory to be taken for payment of the said fyrst fruites, by and afore the sayde lorde Chauncelour, or mayster of the Rolles, or by and afore any other person or persones to be deputed to compounde and agree for the sayd fyrste fruites, as is afore sayd, shalbe of the same strength force vertue qualitie and effect to al ententes and purposes, as wrytinges obligatory heretofore made by any laye persone by auctorite of the statute of the staple ben. And that vppon Certificat hereafter to be made in to the kynges chauncery of any suche wrytinges obligatory to be taken for payment of suche firste fruites, lyke processe and execucion shall

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be therupon made and had ayenste any person spirituall or tempozall, as hathe ben accustomed to be made ayenst any lay person upon certificate of writynges obligatozy of the sayd statute of the staple. And that no person shalbe compelled to pay foz any writinge obligatozy to be made foz the said payment of the sayd fyrst fruites aboue. viii.d. noz foz any aquietance to be made foz recepte of suche fyrste fruites aboue. iiii.d. And that such person and persones as shalbe deputed by the kynges highnes by commission under the great seale, to compound and agre foz the sayd fyrst fruites, shal at the ende of euery. vi. monthes nert after the date of theyz commission, and so from. vi. monthes to. vi. monthes, deliuer oz cause to be deliuered unto the Treasozer of the Chamber, foz the tyme beynge, oz els where to suche commissioners as shalbe appoynted (as is afozesayd) to receyue the same, as well all suche money as all suche specialties and bondes, as they shall haue taken foz the payment of the said first fruites by indenture to be made betwene them and the sayd Treasozer, oz other commissioners, as is afoze sayd, conteynyng the certeyntie and numbze of the sommes of money, and specialties and bondes by them taken and receyued. And if any person oz persons, to whom any deputation shalbe made by commission to compoūd and agree foz the payment of the sayd fyrst fruites, theyz heyres executours oz administratours councelle oz imbecill any of the sayde specialties oz bondes taken foz the sure payment of the sayd fyrst fruites, and do not deliuer them accozdynge to the tenoure of this acte, that then euery suche offendour shall forfayt that office of deputation, and ouer that make fyne & raunsome at the kynges owne pleasure and wyl.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctozite afozsaid, that if any person oz persōs, which at any tyme after the sayd fyrst day of January, shalbe nomynated elected prefected presented collated, oz by any other meanes appoynted to any of the dignities, offices, benefices, oz other promocions spirituall befoze mencioned, do entre in to the actuall and reall possessions therof, oz meddell with the profites therof, befoze they shall haue truly satisfied and payed to the kynges vse the fyrst fruites and profittes therof foz one yere, oz els shal haue agreed oz compounded foz paiment of the same at reasonable dayes upon good sureties, in maner and fozme as by this acte is aboue especified, that than euery such person and persons so doinge and offending, and beinge therof conuicte by presentment, verdit, confessyon, oz witnesse befoze the sayd lozde Chauncellour, oz suche other as shall haue auctozitie by commission to compound foz the sayde fyrst fruites and profittes, as is afozsayd, shalbe accepted and taken an entruder upon the kynges possession. And that they theyz executours oz administratours shall paye to the vse of the kynges highnesse, foz euery suche offence, so moch sommes of money as shall amounte to the double value of the sayde fyrst fruites and profittes of suche dignities benefices oz other spirituall promocions, wher in they shal so entre and entrude befoze the payment of the sayd fyrst frutes and profittes foz one yere therof, oz befoze due agrement made foz the same in ma-

in maner and forme as is aboue rehersed.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctorite aforsayd, that the first fruites of benefices heretofore accustomed to be payed to the bysshoppe of Norwiche within his dioces, and to the archdeacon of Richemound within his archedeanry, or to any other personne or personnes within this realme, or any other the kynges dominions, shall from the sayde firste daye of Januarie cesse and be extinct, and no lenger be payed, but onlye to the kynges highenesse, his heires and successours, in suche forme, as is aboue mencioned in this act.

¶ PROVIDED ALVVAYES that archbysshops and bysshoppes, and all other hauinge iurisdiction ordinarie, maye gyue and delyuer letters of institution and induction, as they myght do before the makynge of this acte, withoute any offence of any article conteyned in this acte: any thynge in this act conteyned to the contrarye therof notwithstandynge.

¶ Prouided also, that where there be dyuers celles appertaynyng to monasteries and priories, and that the priours of such celles be named and remoueable from tyme to tyme at the only willes and pleasures of their masters and soueraynes of the monasteries and priories, whervnto suche celles belonge, that the priours of suche celles shall not be compelled to paye any first fruites by vertue or auctorite of this act: any thynge in this acte conteyned to the contrary therof notwithstandyng: But that the first fruites and profittes of euery suche celle shalbe payed to the kynges highnes, his heyres and successours, whan so euer and as often as any person shall be nominated electred preferred or collated to the monestery or priory, whervnto suche celles belongen.

¶ And ouer this be it enacted by auctorite aforsayd, that the kynges maiestie, his heyres and successours kynges of this realme, for more augmentation and maintenaunce of the royall estate of his imperiall crowne and dignitie of supreme hed of the churche of Englande, shall verely haue take and inioy and perceyue vnited and knytte to his imperial crowne for euer, one verely rente or pension, amountynge to the value of the tenthe part of all the reuenues, rentes, fermes, tithes, offerynges, emoluments, and of all other profittes, as well called spyrytuall as temporall, nowe appertaynynge or belongynge, or that here after shall belonge to any Archebysshoprych, bysshoprych, abbacie, monastery, priory, archdeaconrye, Deanrye, Hospytall, college, howse collegiat, Prebende, cathedrall churche, collegiate churche, Conuentuall churche, Personage, Vicarage, Chaunterye, Frechappel, or other benefyce or promocyon spyrytuall, of what name, nature, or qualytie so euer they be, within any dioceese of this realme or in Wales, the sayde pensyon or annuell rent, to be verely payed for euer to oure sayde souerayngne lorde, to his heyres and successours kinges of this realme, atte the feaste of the Natyuitye of oure lorde God:

And

and the fyrſt paymente therof to begyn at the feaſte of the Natiuitie of our lorde god, which ſhalbe in the yere of our lorde god. M.D.XXXV. And to be payed yerely by ſuche as ſhalbe appoynted to haue the collection therof by this act, in ſuche maner and forme as ſhall hereafter be lymitted by this act, before the fyrſt day of Apryll yerely next folowynge after the ſayd feaſt of the Natiuitie of our lorde.

¶ And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctorytie aforeſayd, that the ſayde yerely rent and penſion ſhalbe tared rated leuyed perceyued and payed to the kynges vſe, his heyres and ſucceſſours, in maner and forme hereafter to be declared by this act. That is to ſay, that the Chaunceliour of Englande for the tyme beynge, ſhall haue power and auctorytie to directe in to euery dioces in this realme and in Wales, ſeuerall commiſſions in the kynges name vnder his great ſeale, as well to the Archbiſſhop or Biſſhoppe of euery ſuche dioces, as to ſuche other perſon or perſons, as the kynges highnes ſhall name and appoynte, commaundynge and auctoryſynge the ſaid commiſſioners for to be named in euery ſuche commiſſion, or .iii. of them at the leſt, to examyn ſerche and enquyre by all the wayes and meanes that they can by theyr diſcretions, of and for the true and iuſt, hole and entiere yerely values of all the manours londes tenementes hereditamentes rentes tithes offeringes emolumentes and all other profittes as well ſpirituall as temporall appertaynynge or belongynge to any Archbiſſhoprych biſſhoprich abbacy monaſterie priorie archdeaconry deanry hoſpitall college houſe collegiat prebend cathedrall churche collegiat churche conuentuall churche perſonage vicarage chaunterry frechappell, or to any other benefice or promotion ſpirituall within the limittes of theyr commiſſion, with a clauſe to be conteyned in euery ſuche commiſſion, that the ſayd commiſſioners, or .iii. of them at the leaſt, ſhall deducte and alowe in the makynge and ratynge of the ſayd yerely values of the premiſſes, theſe deductions folowynge and none other: That is to ſay, the rentes reſolute to the chiefe lordes, and all other annuell and perpetuall rentes and charges, which any ſpyrituall perſon or perſons ben bounden yerely to pay to any perſon or perſons, to theyr heyres or ſucceſſours for euer, or to gyue yerely in almes by reaſon of any foundation or ordinaunce, and all fees for Stewardes Receyuours Baylyffes and Auditours and Synodes and procis with an other clauſe to be alſo conteyned in euery ſuche commiſſion, that the ſayd commiſſioners or .iii. of them at the leaſt, ſhall certifie vnder theyr ſeales at ſuche dayes as ſhalbe limitted by the ſayde commiſſions, as well the hole and entiere value, as the deductions aforeſayd of euery archbyſſhoprich biſſhoprich abbacie monaſterie priorie archdeaconrie deanrie hoſpitall college houſe collegiat prebend cathedral churche collegiat churche conuentuall churche perſonage vicarage chaunterie frechappell and of al other benefices and promotions ſpirituall.

¶ And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctorytie aforeſayde, that the ſaide commiſſioners, that ſhalbe ſo appoynted, or .iii. of them at the leaſt, ſhall haue

haue fulle powet and auctozytie to doo, accomplysshe, and execute the effectes and contentes of their sayde commyssions in euerye behalfe: And that euery the sayde commyssioners, before they shall execute theyr sayde commyssion, shall receyue and take a corporall othe before the lorde Chancellour, or before suche other as shall be appoynted by the saide Chauncellour, by the kynges writte of *dedimus potestatem*, that they shal diligently and trewly without fauour affection frawde couyn mede drede or corruption, do fulfylle and execute the hole effectes and contentes expressed in euery suche commission within the limittes therof, to their counnyng wittes and vttermooste of their powers.

¶ And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctozitie aforesayde, that after suche Certificat made by the sayde commissioners, the sayde yerely rent and pension of the tenthe parte shall be sette tared rated and taken iustely and truly and indifferentely by the Treasourer, Chauncellour, Chaumberlayne, and Barons of the kynges Eschequire, of and oute of the clere yerely valewe of the premisses that shall be aboue the deductions afore mencyoned, and none otherwyse. And that euerye archebysshoprych, bysshoprych, abbacye, monasterie, priourye, archedeaconrye, deanerye, hospitalle, college, howse collegiate, prebende, cathedralle churche, collegyate churche, conuentuall churche, personage, vycarage, chaunterie, free chapelle, or other benefice or promocyon spirituall, shall be seuerally and distinctely tared charged and chargeable in the propre diocesse, where they benne, for the payemente of suche porcion of the sayde tenthe parte, as shall be tared and sette vppon theym by auctozitie of this acte: That is to saye, euery of theym by and for theym selfes, shall be tared, charged, and chargeable in the propre dyocesse, where they benne, for the tenthe parte of the yerelye valewe of their possessyons and profytes to them belongyng, where soo euer their saide possessions & profyttes shall happen to be or lye in any part of this realme, or elles where, in any the kynges dompnions: and that none of theym shall be charged or chargeable for the paiement of the others charge or porcion.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctozitie aforesaide, that after suche Certificate made into the kynges Eschequire, and tare set of the tenthe parte, in forme aboue remembred, euery archbyshoppe and byshoppe nowe beinge, and that hereafter shall be charged and chargeable to leuye, collecte, & receyue within their propre dioces, as wel in places exempt, as not exempt, al suche sommes of money, wherwith the dignitties, benefices, and other promotions spirituall afore mencioned within their dioces, chargeable by this acte, shall be sette tared and charged towardes the payement of the sayde yerely pension, and shall paye and content the saide sommes of money yerely before the said first day of Apryl, to the treasourer of the kynges chambre for the tyme beinge, or to any other personne or personnes, whome hit shall please the kynges highnes to appoynte to receyue the same.

And

And that euery of the sayde archebysshoppes and bysshoppes, their executours and adminystratours, and the possessyons of theyr dignities and churches, shall stonde charged and chargeable for the sure and trewe payement of suche sommes of moneye as they shall collecte and receyue of the sayd yerely rent and pencion.

And that the treasorer chauncellour chamberlayn & barons of the kynges eschequer, shal yerely cause proces to be made by theyr discretions for none paymente of the sayde pencion or yerely rente, or any parcell therof ayenste euery archebishop and bisshop of this realme, that is to saye, agaynste euery archebysshoppe and bysshoppe for so moche parte and portion of the sayde pencion and yerely rente, wherwith the dignities benefices and other promotions spirituall afore mencioned within his dioceese, shall be tared and charged, so that euery of the sayde archebysshoppes and bysshoppes shall be charged and chargeable for the rate and portion of the sayde yerelye rente and pencion, sette and tared within his owne peculiar dioceese and none otherwyse.

¶ AND BE IT ALSO enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that euery Archebysshoppe and Bysshoppe, shall haue power and auctorytie to leuye take and percepue by auctorytie of censures of the churche, or by distresse, or otherwise by theyr discretion, all suche sommes of money as shalbe rated tared and sette to go oute of the londes tenementes hereditamentes profites and emolumentes of any dignitie office benefice or other place or promotion spirituall within theyr dioces, towardes the paymente of the sayde yerely rent and pencion, and that no replcuin prohibition nor Supersedeas vpon any excõmunication, nor any other writ or impediment shall be sued alowed or obeyed for any persone or persones, manynge defaulte of payemente of suche parte and portion, as they shall be rated and tared vnto by auctorite of this acte, tyll suche tyme as they haue trewly satisfied theyr sayde parte and porcion to theym allotted of the sayde yerelye rente and pencion.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that when so euer and as often as any of the archebishopriches or bishoprices happen to be voyde, that then the deane and chapiter of the cathedral churche, or the priour and conuente or chappter, or conuente of the monasterye or cathedralle churche, where the See of suche Archebysshoprycke or bysshoprycke, beynge voyde, shall happen to be, durynge the tyme of the vacation thereof, and theyr executours administratours and possessyons shall be charged and chargeable to doo and cause to be done all and euery thynge and thynges for the dewe executions of this acte, within the dioceese of suche archebysshoprycke or bysshopriche beynge voyde, as the same archebysshoppe or bysshoppe, of the See beynge voyde, shulde haue doone, accordynge as hit is ymytted and appoynted by this acte, or by any thynge therin conteyned.

And

¶ And hit is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that if any somme of money beinge ones due by any incumbent of any of the dignities benefices or promotions spiritualle aforе especifyed, charged to the payement of the sayde yerely pension and annuall rente, be reasonably demaunded and required any tyme after the said feast of the natiuitie of oure lorde, at their dygnities monasteries priorres hospytalles, colleges, churches, chaunteries, or howses by the archebysshoppe or bysshoppe, or suche as shall be charged with the collection of any part of the sayd pension, or by any other their mynisters seruauntes or officers, to paye suche porcion of the sayde pension and yereiye rente, as they shall be tared and assessed, be not trewely contente and payde vnto suche archebysshoppe or bysshoppe, or their ministers and officers, or to suche other personne or personnes, or their ministers or seruauntes, as shall haue the charge of collection therof, euery yere yereiye at the tyme of suche requeste and demaunde therof, or elles within forty dayes next after euery suche requeste at the furthest, that thenne euery incumbent, makynge suche defaulte of payement, after suche defaulte thereof certifyed into the kynges Eschequier in wytynge vnder the seales of any archebysshoppe or bysshop, or of suche as be lymytted and charged to the collection of the sayd pension by this act, shal be adiuged depryued *Ipso facto*, of all suche dignities benefices pensions and promotions spiritualle, as any suche incumbent makynge suche defaulte, shall haue at the tyme of suche Certificate to be made, or at any tyme after. So that all suche dygnities benefices pensyons and promocyons spirytualle, whiche any incumbente makynge suche defaulte of payment, shall haue at the tyme of any suche Certificate to be made, or at any tyme after, shall be clerely voyde and destitute of Incumbent in the lawe to all intentes and pourposes, as if suche incumbent makynge suche defaulte of payment were deade in dede.

¶ And it is ordeyned and enacted, by auctoritie aforesayde, that if any archebysshoppe or bysshoppe, or any other lymytted and charged by this acte to the collection and payement of the sayde pensyon and annualle rente, doo make a Certificate into the kynges Eschequyre, before the sayde fyrste daye of Aprill, or at any tyme within foure and twenty days nexte after the sayde fyrste daye of Aprylle, that they accordynge to this acte, haue reasonably required and demaunded, any incumbent of any dignitie benefice or promotion spirituall, chargeable by this acte to paye suche parte and porcion of the sayde pensyon and annuall rente, as they shall happen to be assessed vnto, and that suche incumbent, so beinge required, hath not payde his sayde parte and porcion, accordynge to the fourme and effect of this acte: that then euery suche archbyshop and bysshoppe and euery other personne, hauynge the charge by this act for collection and payment of the sayd pension and annuel rent, vpon euery suche Certifiegt, shalbe discharged and acquited for euer agaynst the king,

his heires and succeſſours, of and for all ſuche ſommes of moneye, as any ſuche incumbente, ageynſte whome ſuche Certificat ſhall be made, ſhoulde or oughte to haue payde by this acte: And that then in euerye ſuche caſe the treaſourer Chauncellour Chaumberlayne and Barons of the kynges Eſchequire ſhall deuyſe and dyrecte vppon euerye ſuche Certificate, ſuche proceſſe oute of the kynges Eſchequire ageynſte euerye ſuche incumbente, ageynſte whome any ſuche Certificate ſhall be made, and theyr executours and adminiſtratours, or for inſufficiencie of theym, agaynſte the ſucceſſours of euerye ſuche incumbent, wherby ꝑ kynges hyghnes, his heires and ſucceſſours ſhall and may be trewely aunſwered payde and contented of ſuche porcion and parte as the incumbente, ageynſt whom any ſuche Certificat ſhall be made, was tared and aſſeſſed for his dignities benefices or promotions ſpiritual, chargeable by this acte.

¶ And hit is alſo ordeyned and enacted by auctorite aforeſayde, that al maner of acquitances made by the treaſorer of the kynges chaumbre, or by any other ſuche commiſſioners, as ſhal be appoynted, as is aforeſayde, to receyue the ſayde penſion or any parte therof, and ſubſcribed with the name of the ſayd treaſourer or any other ſuche commiſſioner for the paymente of the ſayde pencion or annuelle rent, or any parte therof, to any ſuche perſon or perſons as be nympted and charged with the collection therof, ſhall be of as good ſtrength force vertue and effect to the parties, haupnge the ſame, as if they were made in the kynges name vnder his great ſeale, and ſo ſhall be alowed, admytted, and accepted in al courtes of this realme: And that the treſourer, chancellour, chamberlayne, and barons of the kynges Eſchcker ſhall by vertue and auctorite of this acte, as well admytte and allowe ſuche acquittaunces, as all ſuche Certificates as ſhallbe made agaynſt any incumbent for defaulte of payement, as is aboue ſayde, vppon the accompte of euery archebyſſhoppe and byſſhoppe, and of euery other perſonne nympted and charged by this acte, for the collection and payement of the ſaide penſion and annuell rent, without any wrytte bylle or warrante to be ſued in or for that behalfe. And that noo maner of officer of the kynges eſchequire ſhall take of any archbyſhop or byſhop, or of any other perſon, haupnge charge with the collection and paymente of the ſayde penſion or annuell rent, any maner rewarde or thynge for makyng their accompt or Quietus eſt in the ſame eſchequer, or for any maner of thyng appertayninge to the ſame, concernynge the ſaide penſion and annuell rent, vpon peyne of euerye officer doinge contrarie to this acte to loſe and forfayte his office and make fyne to the kyng at his wyll and pleaſure.

¶ And for as moch as euerye incumbent of the dignities benefices and promotions ſpirituall aforе mencioned ſhalbe charged by this acte to the payment of the.x. part of the value of their dignities benefyces and promotions

motions ſpirituall, without any deduction or allowance of ſuche penſion or penſions, wherwith ſome of them bene charged to paye to their predeceſſours, durynge their lyues: or to other perſones to the vſe of ſuche their predeceſſours durynge their lyues: It is therfore ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforeſayde, that hit ſhall be lauefull to euery incumbent, charged with any ſuche penſyon, payable to any his predeceſſours, or to any to his vſe, to reteyne and kepe in his hande the tenthe parte of euerye ſuche penſion: And that euerye ſuche incumbente and his ſuerties, ſhall frome henſeforthe be acquyted and diſcharged of the ſayde tenthe parte of euerye ſuche penſion, by vertue and auctoryte of this preſente acte, any decree ordynaunce or aſſignement of any ſuche ordinarie, or any collateralle wrytynge or ſuertie made for ſuche penſion to any ſpirituall perſonne or perſonnes, or to any to theyr vſes for terme of their lyues in any wyſe not withſtondynge. And that as welle euery incumbent as ſuche perſonnes as ſtonde bounden for hym, for payement of any ſuche penſyons, ſhall pleade this acte in euerye of the kynges courtes, for the clere extynguyſhmente and diſcharge of the tenthe parte of euery ſuche penſion.

¶ AND BE IT ALSO ORDEYNED AND enacted by auctoritie aforeſayde, that noo penſyon ſhall hereafter be aſſygned by the ordynarie, or by any other maner of agreement by collateralle ſuertye, or otherwyſe, vpon any reſignation of any dignitye benefice or promotion ſpiritualle, aboue the valewe of the thyrde parte of the dygnite, benefyce or promotion ſpiritualle reſygned: and if any penſion, amountynge aboue the valewe of the thirde parte of the dignitie benefyce or promotion ſpirituall heretofore reſigned, be all redy ymitted and made ſure to any ſpirituall perſonne or perſonnes by decree of the ordinarye, or otherwyſe by any collateralle ſuertie, or herafter ſhall happen to be aſſigned and made ſure to any perſone or perſones ſpirituallе, or to any other to their vſe, by decree of the ordinarie, or by any other collaterall ſuertie vpon any reſignation therof: yet neuer the leſs the incumbent charged with ſuche penſion, nor his ſuerties collaterall, ſhall not be compelled to paye any more penſion than the value of the thyrde parte of his dignitie benefice or promotion ſpirituallе ſoo reſygned ſhall mounte vnto: but ſhall, by auctoritie of this act, be clerelye acquited and diſcharged of ſoo moche of the ſayde penſion, as ſhal amounte aboue the value of the thyrde parte of the dignitie or benefyce reſygned: any decree or aſſignemente of the ordinarie, or any collateralle writinges or ſureties heretofore made, or hereafter to be hadde or made for the ſame, to the contrarye thereof not withſtondynge.

¶ And for as moche as dyuers abbottes & priours ben charged to pay gret penſions to lordy their predeceſſours yet liuing, to the gret decaie of their hoſ

ſpitalities and houſe keppynge: Be it enacted by auctoꝛitie afoꝛeſayde, that euery ſuche pꝛeceſſour of ſuche abbottes oꝛ pꝛiours, haupnge any penſion made ſure vnto them oꝛ to any to their vſe dutynge their lyues, amountyng aboue the yerely value of. xl. li. ſhall from henſfoꝛth be defalked and abated of the moyte and halfe deale of euery ſuche penſion. And that euery abbot and all other perſones charged foꝛ the payment of ſuche penſion aboue the ſayd yerely value of. xl. li. ſhall be clerely acquitted and diſcharged by auctoꝛitie of this acte of the moytie and halfedele therof foꝛ euer. Any decree oꝛ aſſignemente thereof by the oꝛdinarye oꝛ any wꝛytyng oꝛ ſuertie collateral hadde oꝛ made foꝛ the ſuretie therof not withſtandynge.

¶AND foꝛ as moch as the loꝛde pꝛiour of ſaynt Jhoñs of Jheruſalem in Englande and his bꝛothern be not ſpecially named and expꝛeſſed in this act, wherby ambiguite mought aryſe, whether they ſhold be cõpꝛiſed within the lymittes of this acte: It is therfoꝛe foꝛ playne declaration therof enacted by auctoꝛitie afoꝛeſayd, that euery perſon and perſons, which after the ſayde fyꝛſt daye of January, ſhall happen to be nominated, elected, collated, oꝛ by any other meanes appoynted to the dignitie of the ſayde pꝛioꝛ of ſaynte Jhoñs of Jheruſal in Englande, oꝛ to any Commaundꝛy appertepning vnto the ſame, ſhal befoꝛe theyꝛ actual and real entre in to the ſame dignytie oꝛ commandꝛy, oꝛ medlynge with the pꝛofittes therof, ſatiſfie and pay to the vſe of the kynges hyghnes, his heyꝛes and ſucceſſours, the fyꝛſt fruutes and pꝛofyttes therof foꝛ one hole yere, oꝛ agree oꝛ cõpounde foꝛ the ſame at reaſonable days, in lyke maner and foꝛme and vppon lyke peyne in euery behalfe, as archebyſſhops and byſhops and other ſpirituall perſons ben bound to do by vertue and auctoꝛitie of this act. And that alſo the pꝛioꝛ of ſaynt Jhoñs now being, and his ſucceſſours, & euery of his bꝛetherne, hauyng any cõmandꝛy, and their ſucceſſours, ſhal cõtribute & pay yerely to the kynges highnes, his heires and ſucceſſours, one yerely rent & penſion, amountyng to the tenth parte of all theyꝛ poſſeſſions and pꝛofytes as well ſpyꝛytuall as tempoꝛall: And ſhalbe charged, rated, tared, and ſette to the contributiõ & payment of the ſayd tenth part. And that alſo the ſayd tenth parte ſhalbe leuied, collected, and payd, in ſuch lyke maner and foꝛme to al intẽtes & purpoſes, as the tenth part of other dignites, & benefices ſpiritual ſhalbe charged, tared, ſet, leuied, collected, & payed by auctoꝛitie of this act.

¶AND FOR AS MOCHE as in ſondꝛy and many Cathedꝛall churches, Colleges, and Hoſpytalles of this realme, there is and tyme out of mynde hathe ben certayne oꝛdinances inſtituted and made, wherby the Deane, Pꝛouoſt, mayſter oꝛ other chiefe gouernoure of ſuche churches, colleges, and hoſpytalles hath a certeyne parte and poꝛcyon of the poſſeſſions and pꝛofittes belongynge to ſuche churches, colleges, and hoſpitalles all onely lympytted and belongyng to theyꝛ offices and dygnites. And euery pꝛebendarye bꝛother, byear, fellowe, petie canon, and other mynſters ſpirituall in ſuch churches, colleges, and hoſpitalles hath an other poꝛcion alonly & diſtinctly lympytted, apperteining and belongyng to their

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dignities and offices in ſuche churches, hoſpitalles, and colleges. It is therfore prouided and ordeyned by auctorite afore ſayde, that ſuche perſon and perſons, whiche at any tyme after the ſayde fyrſte daye of Januarye ſhal be nominated elected preſented, prefected, collated or by other meanes appoynted to be deane prouoſt mayſter or other chiefe gouernoure of ſuche cathedralle churches colleges or hoſpitalles, ſhall be rated compound and paye for theyr fyrſte fruites but onely after the rate of the yereſye value of the poſſeſſyons and profyttes, lymytted and belongynge to theyr offyce and dygnitie. And that euery other perſonne and perſonnes, that after the ſayde fyrſte daye of Januarye ſhall be nominated elected preſented prefected collated or by any other menes appointed to haue any prebende, brotherſhyppe, felowſhyppe, or to be any vycare or petie canon, or to haue any other dygnytie or offyce ſpyrituall in any ſuche cathedralle churches colleges or hoſpitalles, ſhall be rated compounde and paye for theyr fyrſte fruites after the rate of the yereſye value of the poſſeſſions and profittes lymitted and belongynge to theyr dygnities and offyces in ſuche churches colleges and hoſpytalles, and none otherwyſe. Any thyng in this acte to the contrary hereof in any wiſe notwithſtandynge.

¶ PROVIDED alwayes, that ſuch perſone or perſones, that after the ſayde fyrſte daye of Januarye ſhall be preſented and collated to any perſonage or vycarage, wherof the yerely value ſhall not exede eyght marckes, ſhall not be compelled to paye any fyrſte fruites for any ſuche perſonage or vycarage, whereunto they ſhall be preſented or collated not beinge aboue the ſayde yerely value of eyght marckes: Excepte that the Incumbent preſented or collated to ſuche perſonage or vycarage, wherof the yerely value ſhall not exede eyghte marckes, do lyue thre yeres nexte and immediatly folowynge after his Inſtitucion induccion or collation to ſuche perſonage or vycarage. And if ſuche Incumbent do lyue after the ſayde thre yeres, then he or his executours or adminyſtratours ſhall paye at dayes to be lymytted after the ſayd yeres vpon ſurettes (as is aforſayd) the fyrſte fruites of euery ſuche perſonage and vycarage. And that in euery obligation to be made by any incumbent of ſuch perſonage or vicarage, and his ſureties, for payment of the fyrſt fruites of ſuche perſonage or vycarage, ther ſhal be cõteyned a prouiſo, that if the ſayd incumbent dye within. iii. yeres next after the date of the inſtitucion, induccion, or collacion of the ſayd perſonage or vicariage, that then the obligation ſhalbe voyde and of none effecte: Any thynge in this acte to the contrarie herof notwithſtandynge.

¶ AND OVER this where the clergie of the prouynce of Caunterbury in theyr conuocacion haue graunted vnto the kynges highnes one hundred thouſande poundes, and the clergie of the prouynce of yorke. xviii. thouſande eyghte hundred. fortye. li. ſ. d. to be payed by euen porcions in fyue yeres, and that whiche couldе not be leuied therof in the ſame. v. yeres, to be payed in the. vi. yere, as by the tenoure of their ſeuerallе graunteſ,

therof made in theyr seuerall conuocations, more playnly apperethe: It may please the kynges maiestie, of his excellent goodnes, in consideration that the sayde yerelye pension and annuell rente shalbe yerely from henseforth duely payed and satisfied to his hyghnes, and to his heyres and successours, accordyng to the tenour forme purporte and effect of this present acte, that it may be enacted by auctoritie of this presente parliamente, that the clergy of the sayd prouince of Caunterbury and euery of them, shall be discharged and acquited ageynst our sayd souerayne lorde, his heyres, and successours of and for the.xx.M.li. percell of the sayd.C.M.li. which shuld be payed in the.b.yere of payment lymitted be theyr graunt: And that the clergy of the sayde prouince of Yorke shall lyke wise be discharged and acquited of and for all suche sommes of money, percell of the sayd.xviii.M. DCCC.xl. li.r.d. which shuld be payed in the.b.yere of payment limitted by theyr graunt: any thynge in theyr saide seuerall grauntes therof made in any wise notwithstandynge.

Prouided alwayes, that all the residue of sommes of money, which be yet to be payed, and not released nor discharged by this acte, shall be truly payed and satysfied to oure sayde souerayne lorde, his heyres or successours, accordynge to the tenour, forme, and effecte of theyr sayde seuerall grauntes.

Prouided also, that all suche fees, whiche any archbysshop bysshoppe abbot priour or other prelate of the churche is bounden yerely to pay to any Chauncellour, master of the Rolles, Justices, Shirysses, or other officers or mynysters of recorde, for temporall Justice to be don or ministred within theyr dioces or iurisdictions, shall be alowed and deducted by the commissioners aforsayd in and vpon the valuation of the dignities monasteries priorites or churches chargeable with suche fees: Any thing in this act to the contrary hereof notwithstandynge.

An acte for punysshment of periury of Jurours in the lordshyps marchers in Wales. Ca.xiii.

Where for lacke of dyligente and sure custodye of Jurours sworne for trials of murderers, felons, and accessaries of felonies and murders in Wales, and the marches of the same, dyuers adherentes frendes and kynsfolkes to suche offendours haue resorted to the same iurours, and haue suborned them to aquite dyuers murderers felons and accessaries, openly and notoriously knowen, contrary to equitie and iustice: It is therfore enacted by the kynge oure souerayne lorde, and the lordes spyrytuall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that forthwith vpon the charge gyuen to any inquest hereafter to be taken and sworen before any Justiciar, Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, or other officer within

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wales or the marches of the same, of for and vpon any trauerse avenst the kynge, or the triall of any recognisaunce vroken, or any other forfayture forfayted to the kynge, or of for and vpon the triall of any murderer felon or accessarie of felony or murder, one officer or other person shalbe deputed and sworne in the presence of the sayd Justiciar or other officer, for the true and dilygent keppynge of the same iurours: And that the same officer or other person so sworne, without the specyall commaundment of the sayd Justiciar or other officer, shall not do or suffer to be ministred to the same iurours any vreade drynke or meate, fyre or lyghte, nor shall suffer the same Jurours to speake to any personne or personnes, nor the same officer or other person sworne, without the commandment aforsayd, shal not speake to the sayd iurours, but only to demaund of them of theyr agrement, vnto suche tyme as the same iurours shall haue gyuen theyr verdite: any vsage or custome heretofore vsed to the contrary notwithstandynge: And if the same officer or other personne so sworne in forme aforsayde, do not execute and accomplisshe the premisses in the othe before rehersed in euery poynte and article: then the same officer or other person so sworne shall be punisshed and imprisoned, and make fyne and raunsom to the kynges hyghnes by the discretion of the sayd Justiciar, Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, or other officer.

¶ And also be it enacted by thauctoritie aforsayd, that if the same iurours do acquite any suche felon, murderer, or accessarie, vpon whose tryal they shalbe charged or gyue any vntrue verdite avenst the kynge, vpon the triall of any trauerse recognisaunce or other forfayture, contrary to good and pregnaunt euydence mynistred to them by persons sworne before the sayde Justiciar, Steward, Lieutenaunt, or other officer, or that the sayd iurours or any of them do eate drynke or speake to or with any other person or persons, then to suche as be sworn with them, or otherwise mysdemeane themselfes after they be sworne, and before they haue gyuen theyr verdite: That then the lorde president, and other of the counseyll of the marches for the tyme beinge, vpon notice or complaynt therof to them made, shall not only haue power and auctoritie by this presente act, to call suche iurours before them, but also the same Justiciar, Stewarde, or other officer, afore whom any suche acquitall, vntrue verdit, or mysdemeanour shall happen to be made, shall haue full power and auctoritie to compell suche iurours and euery of them, vpon peyne of imprisonment to be bounden by recognisaunce in a certayn somme of money, by theyr discretion to be limytted, that the same iurours and euery of them shall personally appere at a certayn day, by the same Justiciar Stewarde or other officer to be limitted before the lorde president and other of the counseyll aforsayd, for the tyme beinge: then and there to abide and stond to such direction and order, as the same counseyl shall make ordeyn and decree of in and vpon the same. And that the same counseyll shall therupon haue auctoritie and power by examination or otherwyse, to here and determine all and euery suche cause,

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and shall haue lyke auctoritie to committe euery of the same iurours to pri-
son, or other punishement, as shalbe thoughte most mete by the discretion
of the sayd counceyll, or otherwyse assesse or take euery suche iurour to his
fine or raunsome by the same discretion, to be payed and leuied of their lan
des goodes and cattals to the vse of the kynges highnes.

An acte that kepers of feries on the water of Seuerne shal not conuey in theyr ferie botes any maner of person goodes or cattels after the son goinge down, tyll the son be vp. cap. v.

FOr as moche as dayly dyuers felonies, robberies, and murders ben many tymes committed and done in the counties of Glouc. and Somerset, in the parties nere adioyning vnto the water called the water of Seuerne, betwene Englande and Southwales, and after suche murders and felonies don, the sayd robbers felons and murderers, with the sayde goodes so robbed and stolne, make theyr conueyaunce with the sayd goodes so stolne by nyght at diuers passages or feries ouer the sayde ryuer or water, as the passages of Auste, Fremelande, Pyrton, Arlyngham, Nowenham, Portsedes, Poynte, and all suche other lyke passages ouer the sayd ryuer in to Southwales, or in to the forest called the forestе of Dene, also adioynynge to the same water. And whan they be ouer the sayd water, then the goodes so stolne be by diuerse pretupleges ther kept, all be it the owner and owners haue trewe and perfecte knowledge thereof, yet they soo robbed and spoyled be withoute remedie for to obteyne theyr sayd goodes so stolne: and so that the secrete and sodeyn conueyaunce by nyght of the sayd goodes ouer the sayd feries and passages dothe not only greatly encourage dyuerse persons to come out of the parties of Southwales to steale robbe and murder dyuerse persons in theyr houses in the sayd counties, toyninge vpon the sayd borders of wales, but also causeth many robberies and felonies in sondry wayes to be committed and don vppon the sayde border nere adioynynge to the same ryuer, to the greate domage and hurte of the kynges subiectes inhabyting there, onlesse some remedy therfore be prouided. It may therfore please the kynge our souerayngne lorde, and the lordes spyrituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same to enact, that euery person or persons, takynge vpon hym or them to haue & kepe any of the sayd passages, or any other passage vppon Seuerne aforsayd, from henssorth do not conuey nother carry with any maner barge, boote, or other vessell, any person or persons with horses, mares, oxen, kye, or any other cattall, nor no other person or persons before the tyme of the sonne rysynge in the morynynge, and after the tyme of the sonne beinge gon down at nyght, vpon peyne of imprisonment and fine to be set on hym that shall so conuey or carry ouer any of the sayd passages

ſages ouer the ſayd ryuer of Seuern out of Englande in to Wales, or the foreſt of Dene, or out of Wales or the ſayd foreſt of Dene in to England: Oneles the ſayde paſſengers and euery of them haue good knowledge of ſuch perſon and perſons, and of theyr dwellyng places, and vpon requeſt to them made by any perſon or perſons to diſcloſe the name and the dwellynge place of euery ſuch perſon or perſons, ſo by them conueyed ouer the ſayde water, to any ſurhe perſon or perſons requyrynge the ſame, If ſute be made for or after them vpon any outcry, hute, or freſſhe ſute of or for any felonye, robberie, murder, and manſlaughter, committed and don from henſforth. And that the kynges Juſticiars of peace within euery the ſaid counties of Glouc. & Somerſet, at theyr quarter Seſſions, ſhal haue ful power and auctoritie to call before them all ſuche perſons, which hereafter ſhall kepe any of the ſayd paſſages, or any other ferie or paſſage ouer the ſayd water in to Wales, or the ſayd foreſt, or out of wales or the ſayd foreſt into England, and to bynde them with ſufficyente ſureties with them in recognizaunce in ſuch ſommes of mony as it ſhall ſeme to the diſcretion of the ſayd Juſticiars of peace, that they and euery of them beinge paſſengers and kepers of feries and paſſages, as is aforeſayde, from henſforthe ſhall not after the ſayd tymes before lymitted and appoynted, conuey or cary, nor cauſe to be conueyed or caryed any manner of perſon or perſons, or any kynde of cattall, but ſuch perſons as they do know and wyll anſwere for, and know where theyr abydynges, dwellynges, and habytations be, and vpon requeſt made to them or any of them as is aboue ſayd, ſhal from tyme to tyme diſcloſe as wel the ſame perſon or perſons, as the goodes and cattals ſo paſſyng the ſayd paſſages vpon freſſhe ſute made or hereafter to be made vpon any felony, murder, or robbery, committed and done in the borders of the counties aforeſayd, or in any other place within this realme or Southwales.

¶ An acte that murders and felonies done or committed within any lordſhyp marcher in wales, ſhalbe inquyred of at the ſeſſions holden with in the ſhere groundes nerre adioynynge, with many good orders for mynyſtration of Juſtyce there to be had. Capitulo. vi.

FOr as moche as the people of wales, and the marches of the ſame, not dreadynge the good and holſome lawes and ſtatutes of this realme, haue of longe tyme contynued and perſeuered in perpetration and commyſſion of dyuers and manyfold theftes, murders, rebellions, wylfull burnynge of houſes, and other ſcelerous dedes and abhominable malefactis, to the hyghe diſpleaſure of god, inquyetation of the kynges well diſpoſed ſubiectes, and dyſturbaunce of the publike weale, whiche malefactis and ſcelerous dedes be ſo roted and fyxed in the ſame people, that they be not lyke to ceaſſe, onleſſe

lesse some sharpe correction and punyshmente for redresse and amputation of the premisses be prouyded, accordynge to the demerites of the offendours: Be it therfore enacted by the kynge oure soueraygne lorde, and the lordes spyrytuall and temporall, and the commons in this parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all and synguler personne and persons, dwellyng or resyaunt within Wales, or in the lordships marches of the same, from tyme to tyme, and at all tymes hereafter, vpon such monycyon or warnynge gyuen for the courte to be hepte in Wales or in any of the lordshippes marches aforesayde, as before this tyme hathe ben vsed, shall personally repayre, resorte, and appere before the Justyce, Steward, Lieutenaunte, or other offycer at all and euery sessyons, courte and courtes, to be holden before the same Justyce, Stewarde, or other offycer, in any what so euer castell, forstresse, or other place within Wales, or within the precyncte lymittes and iurisdyctions of euery of the lordeshyppes merchers or segnories aforesayde, or the merches of the same, as by the sayde Justice Stewarde or other offycer shall be appoynted: And thenne and there shall gyue his and theyr personall attendaunce, to do, execute, and accomplysshe all and euery thynge and thynges, whiche to hym or them shall affere and appertayne, vppon peyne of suche fynes forfaytures and amercyamentes, as shall be affered, assessed, and tared by the Justyce, Stewarde, or other offycer to the kyngis vse, if it be within any of the kynges lordshippes merchers. And if it be within any other lordeshippes marches, thenne to the vse of the lorde of the sayde lordeshyp marcher, for the tyme beinge: The sayde forfaytures and amerciamentes to be leuied perceyued and taken by waye of distres, of the goodes and cattalles of euery personne not apperynge at the sayde courte or courtes, or not doinge, executynge, or accomplysshynge his duetie, as is aboue sayde.

¶AND FOR AS MOCHE as the offycers in the lordshyppes marchers in Wales haue ofte and sondrye tymes heretofore vnlawfully exacted the kynges subiectes within suche lordeshyppes, where they haue hadde rule or auctoryte, by many and sondrye wayes and meanes, and also commytted them to strayte dures and imprysonmente for smale and lyghte fayned causes, and extorcyously compelled them thereby to paye vnto them fynes for theyr redempcyons, contrarye to the lawe: Therfore be it further enacted, that if any Stewarde, Lieutenaunte, or any other offycer of any lordeshyp marcher, doo fayne, procure, or imagen any vntrewe surmyse agaynst any person or persons, that shal so gyue theyr personall attendaunce before them at such court or courtes, and vppon the same vntrewe surmise committe them to any dures or imprisonmente, contrarie to the lawe, or contrary to the true and lawdable custom of that lordeshyp: that then vpon suite made vnto the kinges commissioners or counseyll of merches for the tyme beinge, by any suche

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perſon or perſons ſo impriſoned, or by any of theyr frendes, that then the ſame commiſſioners or counſeyll, ſhall haue full power and auctorittie, to ſende for ſuche Stewarde, lieutenaunt, or officer, and alſo for the perſon or perſons ſo impriſoned. And if the ſame perſon or perſons ſo impriſoned can euidently proue before the ſayde counſeyll by good and ſubſtanciall witnes, or otherwyſe, that his impriſonmente was vppon any fayned ſurmyſe, without cauſe reaſonable or lawfull, that then the ſame commiſſioners ſhall haue full power and auctorytie to aſſeſſe the ſayde officer to pay to the ſayd perſon or perſons wrongfully imprysonned. vi. s. viii. d. for euery daye of theyr impriſonmente, or more, by the diſcretions of the ſayd commyſſioners, accordynge to the hurtes and behauour of the perſonne or perſones imprysoned. And that the ſame commiſſyoners ſhall ſet further fyne vpon the ſayde officer to be payed to the kynges vſe as by theyr diſcretions ſhall be thought conuenyent. And in caſe the ſame officer do refuſe to appere before the ſame commiſſyoners incontynent after any commaundment to them dyrected and delyuerid, after any ſuche compleynte made to the ſame commyſſioners: that then the ſame commiſſyoners ſhall haue full power and auctorittie vpon euery default made by any officer or officers to aſſeſſe and ſet vpon euery ſuche officer or officers makynge defaute, ſuche fyne or fynes, to be leuyed to the kynges vſe, as by theyr diſcretions ſhall be thought conuenyent. And that the ſame commiſſyoners ſhall haue full power and auctorittie to compell the ſayde officer or officers by way of impriſonment, as well to pay ſuche fynes as ſhall be ſet and tared vpon them to the kynges vſe, as to pape vnto euery perſon or perſons ſo impriſoned ſuche ſommes of money, as they ſhall be ceſſed to pape for theyr wronge impriſonmente.

¶ And alſo be it enacted by auctorittie aforſayd, that no perſon or perſons, dwellynge or reſiaunte within Wales or the lordeſhyppes merches of the ſame, of what eſtate degree or condycion ſo euer he or they be of, comynge, reſortynge, or repayrynge vnto any ſeſſions or courte, to be holden within Wales, or any lordſhyppes merches of the ſame, ſhall bringe or beare, or cauſe to be broughte or borne to the ſame ſeſſions or courte, or to any place within the diſtaunce of two myles from the ſame ſeſſyons or courte, nor to any towne, churche, fayre, market, or other congregation (except it be vppon a hute, or outcry, made of any felony, robbery done or perpetrated) nor in the hyghe wayes in affray of the kynges peace, or the kynges liege people, any bylle, longebowe, croſſebowe, handgon, ſwerde, ſtaffe, daggre, halberd, morſpyke, ſpere, or any other maner of weapon, pryuie cote, or armour defenſible, vpon peyne of forfayture of the ſame weapon, pryuie cote, or armour, and to ſuffer impriſonmente, and make fyne and raunſome to the kynges hyghnes by the diſcretion of the kynges commiſſioners of his merches for the tyme beinge, except it be by the commaundemente lycence or aſſent of the ſayd iuſtices Stewarde or other officer, or of the commiſſyoners or counſeyll of the merches for the tyme beinge. And that no perſon nor

nor persones from hensforth, without lycence of the sayde Commissioners in writynge, shall within Wales or marches of the same, or in any shyres adioynynge to the same, require procure gather or leuie any Commorthe, Bydalle, Tenauntes ale, or other collection or exaction of goodes catalles money or any other thynge, vnder coloure of maryeng or suffring of theyr chyldren saying or syngynge theyr fyrste masses or gospelles of any prestes or clerkes, or for redemption of any murder or any other felony, or for any other maner of cause, by what name or names soo euer they shall be called, nor shall make or procure to be made, any games of ronnynge wrestlynge leapynge or any other games, the game of shotynge onely excepted and forprised, vpon peyne of one hole yeres imprisonemet of euery persone or persones, as shall gather or procure to be gathered, any suche collection or exaction, or shall make or procure to be made any games, as is aforesayde. And further they and euery of them shall make suche fyne, as by the discrecion of the kynges commissioners of his marches, shalbe thought conuenient. And further the said commissioners, by this present acte, shal haue power and auctoritie, to here and determine the sayd offences by their examinacion. And that no person or persones shal hereafter at any tyme caste any thynge in to any courte within Wales, or in the lordshyppis marchers of the same, by the meane or name of an Arthel, by reason wherof the court may be letted disturbed or discontynued for that tyme, vpon peyne of one hole yeres imprisonement of any suche persone or persones, as shall caste or cause to be caste any suche Arthell in to any court or courtes hereafter to be holden within Wales, or the lordshyppis marches of the same. Any custome before this tyme vsed to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ And that all sessions and courtes hereafter to be holden within Wales, or the lordshyppis marches of the same, shalbe kept within the moste surest and peasible place within the same lordeshyppe marcher, where the sayde Justice Stewarde or other officer shal appoynt, and for the punyshement and spedye trials as well of the counterfetters of any coyne currant within this realme, wesshinge clyppyng or mynysshing of the same, as of al & singuler felonyes, murders, wylfull burnynge of howses, manslaughters, robberyes, burgularies, rapes, & accessaries of the same, and other offēces feloniously done parpetrated and commytted, or hereafter to be doone parpetrated and commytted, within any lordshyppe marches of Wales: Be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the Justyces of the Gaole delyuerie, and of the peace, and euery of them, for the tyme beynge in the shire or shires of Englande, where the kynges writte runneth, nerte adioyninge to the same lordeshyp marcher, or other place in Wales, where suche counterfetyng weshynge clyppynge or mynyshynge of any coyne currant within this realme, or murther, hath ben or hereafter shalbe committed or done, or where any other felonyes or accessaries shalbe hereafter cōmitted perpetrated or done, shall haue fromhensforth full power and auctoritie, at theyr sessions and Gaole delyuerie, to enquire by verdicte of twelue men of the

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same shire or shires, next adioynynge within Englande, where the kynges writte rounneth, there to cause all suche counterfaytours, washers, clyppers of money, felons, murderers, and accessaries to the same, to be myrted accordynge to the lawes of this lande, in lyke maner and fourme, as if the same pety treasons, murders, felonies, and accessaries to the same had bene doone committed or perpetrated within any of the sayd shyres within the sayde realme: and also to here determyne and iudge the same, accordynge to the lawes of the realme. And that all forreyne pleas, pleaded by any of the sayde malefactours and offendours, shall be tryed and determyned in the sayde shyre or shyres: and that the acquitalle or fyne makynge for any of the causes aforesayde, in any of the lordeshyppes marches, shall be no barre for any persone or persones, beynge indicted in the sayde shyre or shyres, within two yeres nexte after any suche murder or felonye doone.

¶ And further it is enacted, that the sayde Justyces of peace and Gaole delyuerie, and euery of theym, shall haue full power and auctoritie to awarde all maner of proces, as well of outlawrye as otherwyse, ayenste all and euery suche offendour and offendours, so indited in maner and fourme and accordynge to the custommes and lawes vsed and accustomed within this realme of Englande. And that the sayde Justyces, or two of them, afore whome any suche offender shall happen to be outelawed or attaynted by outlagarie, shall immediately vppon the same vtlagarie or atteynder, dyrecte and sende vnto the kynges officers of his lordeshyppes marchers, or to theyr deputyes, or vnto the lorde or lordes marchers of the same lordshyp marcher, or to his or their officer or officers, or to their deputies, wherin suche offence murther or felonye shall happen to be doone, or where any suche offendour, mourderer, or felone, shall happen to be resyaunte, a Certificate vnder the seales of them or two of them, of any suche outlagary or atteynder, commaundynge them & euery of them by the same vnder peyne of forfayture of a hunderde pounde to the kynge, to be leuied and perceyued, as well of the goodes catals londes and tenementes of the same lorde or lordes marchers, as of the good and catalles lande and tenementes of the kynges officer there, to apprehende and attache, or cause to be apprehended and attached the bodye or bodyes of the same offendoure or offendours, soo outelawed or atteynted, and saufelye to kepe or cause to be kepte the same offendour or offendours, tyll suche conuemente tyme before the nexte sessions of the kynges Justices of his Gaole delyuerie, of the shyre, where suche offendoure or offendoures shall happen to be outlawed or atteynted, as to the kynges officers of his lordeshyppes marchers, or to their deputies or vnto the lorde marcher or lordes marchers, of the same lordeshyppe marcher, or to his or theyr officer or officers, or theyr deputyes, where suche offendour or offendours shall be apprehended attached deteyned and kepte, shall be thought expediente for the conueyaunce and conductynge of the same offendoure or offendoures, in maner

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and fourme folowynge to be delyuered from the kynges officers or theyr deputies, or the lorde marcher or the lordes marchers or his or their officer or officers, to other persons assigned by this acte to receyue and conuey suche offendour or offendours, by indenture to be made betwene the delyuerour or deliuerours, and the receyuour or the receyuours: That is to say, that the kynges officers of his lordshyppe marcher or their deputies, or the lorde or lordes marchers of the lordeshyp marcher, or his or their officer or officers or their deputies, where suche offendour or offendours shall be apprehended attached deteyned and kepte, shall saufely and surely conducte & conuey, or cause to be conducted and conueyed the same offendour or offendours, to the nexte lordeshyp marcher towarde the shyre, where the same offendour or offendours shall happen to be outlawed or atteynted. And that the kynges officers of the same lordeshyp marcher, or their deputies, or the lorde or lordes marchers of the same lordshyp marcher, or his or their officer or officers, or their deputies, shall receyue and saufely and surely conducte and conuey the same offendour or offendours, to the nexte lordshyppe marcher. And so the kynges officers of euery lordshyp marcher, or their deputies, or the lorde or lordes marchers of the same lordshyp, or his or their officer or officers, or their deputies, to receyue conduct and conuey saufely and surely euery suche offender or offendours from one lordshyppe marcher to an other lordshyp marcher, by indenture, as is aforesayde, vntō the tyme that suche offendour or offendours shalbe saufely delyuered before the said Justices of the Gaole delyuerie, vpon peyne of forfayture by euery of the kynges officer or lord marcher, by whose defaut the same offendour or offendours shal ne may not appere before the same Justices at their said sessions, there to stonde and abyde the order of the kynges lawes. C. li. to be leuyed and perceyued of the goodes and cattalles, landes, and tenementes of the same officer or lorde to the kynges vse. And that all and euery officer and officers, lorde and lordes, or other persounes, to whome any Certificat shall be directed, as is abouesayd, shall at the nexte Sessiōs and Gaole delyuerie, to be holden after the prehensyon or attachement of suche offendoure or offendours, retourne the same Certyficate in dewe fourme, and what he or they haue done in that behalfe, vpon the peyne aforesayde. Sauynge alway to all and euery offender and offendours, all and synguler trauerses, chalenges, exceptions, aduauntages, and all other plees, to of and vpon the outelawrye pronounced or promulged agaynst the same offendour or offendours, in maner and fourme as is and hath be vsed and accustomed by the lawes of this realme for any the kynges subiectes dwellynge within the same realme.

¶ Prouyded alwayes and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any persōne or persōnes, whyche shall happen hereafter to be indyted outlawed arrayned conuycted or atteynted by force of this acte, doo fynde suche sufficient suerties before the kynges Justices of his Gaole delyuerie, as by their discretion shall be thought conuenient, that the same

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perſonne or perſons ſhall not from thenſeforthe committe nor doo any felonye murder or felonyous offence, nor be acceſſarie to any felonie murder or felonyous offence, but at all tymes from thenſeforthe ſhalbe of good behauour agaynſt the kynge our ſoueraygne lorde, his heyres and ſucceſſours, his and theyr lawes, & ſubiectes, that then the ſame iuſtices of gaole delyuerie for the tyme beinge, with and by thaſſente conſente & agreemente of the lorde preſident, and two of the kynges commyſſioners or counſayle of the marches, for the tyme beinge, or three of theym at the leaſte, wherof the lorde preſidente, or one of the ſayde counſell to be one, ſhal and may by theyr diſcretion for one tyme onelye, admytte any ſuche offendour to a certeyne fyne or ſome of money on hym by them to be aſſeſſed and tared, to be ſurely payde to the kynges vſe, and ſhal haue full power and auctoritie by this preſente acte to diſcharge any ſuch offendour or offendours, ſo arrayned outlawed conuicted and attaynted of all and euery ſuche felony murther or felonious offence and acceſſaries of the ſame, and of al executions & punyſhementes of deth, whiche the ſame offendour or offendours ſhuld ſuffer by the common lawes of this realme: ſo that the ſame offendour or offendours ſtonde not apeled of the ſayde felonye murther or felonyous offence, or as acceſſary of the ſame offences, at the tyme of his ſayd diſcharge. And that euery ſuche offendour ſo diſcharged, as is aboue ſayde, ſhalbe for the ſame offence or offences done within any of the kynges lordeſhips marchers, or any other lordeſhyppes marchers, diſcharged, as well agaynſte the kynges highnes, his heyres & ſucceſſours, as agaynſt al other lordes marchers for one tyme onely.

¶ Prouided alwaye, and be hit enacted by the auctoritie afore ſayde, that this preſente act, or any thynge therin conteyned, ſhall not extende ne take place to abrydge depryue or minorate any lyberties priuilege or auctoritie of any lordemarcher, heretofore granted to the ſame lord, or laufully vſed or accuſtomed by the ſayd lorde, or any of his auncetours, onles the forſaid offendours happen to be indyted outelawed arrayned conuicted or attaynted by force of this acte, as is aboue ſayde, within two yeres, nexte after ſuche murder or other felonyous offence perpetrated doone or committed within the ſayde lordeſhyppes marchers, or any of theym: Any thynge in this preſente acte before reherſed to the contrarye notwithſtandynge.

¶ AND furthermore be hit enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that all murthers roberyes felonyes and acceſſaries of the ſame, whiche ſhalle happen hereafter to be doone perpetrated or committed within the ſhyre of Meronythe in Wales, ſhall and maye be frome henſeforthe enquired herde and determyned in the counties of Carnaruan or Angleſee, before the kynges Juſtice of northe Wales, or his deputie for the tyme beynge, by verdycte or inqueſt to be taken by the inhabytauntes of the ſame ſhyres of Carnaruan and Angleſee, or otherwyſe if by the diſcretion of the Juſtice there, or his deputie, ſhall be thought conuenyente.

And that the same Justice or his deputie for the tyme beinge shall haue full power and auctorite by his discretion, by force of this presente acte, to here and determyne all and euery the forsayde murders felonyes roberyes and accessaries, in fourme aforesayde.

¶ AND where heretofore vpon dyuers murders robberies and felonies perpetrated and done, as well within the lordshyppes marchers of wales, as in other places of wales without the same lordeshyppes, the offenders dyuerse tymes flee and escape frome the same lordeshyppe or other place, where suche offence was committed, and haue repayred and resorted into an other lordshyp marcher, and there by the ayde comfort and fauour of the sayde lorde of the same lordeshyp or his officer or officers, haue benne abydinge and restaunte, in to the whiche lordeshyppes the same lordes marchers haue and do pretende a custome and priuilege, that none of the kynges ministers or subiectes maye entre, to pursue apprehende and attache any suche offendour, therevnto repayred, as is aforesayd, by reason where of the same offendours wente vnpunished, to the animation and encouragynge of other euyll disposed people. It is therfore enacted by the auctorite abouesayde, that euery officer and officers, and they^r deputies, vpon comaundement gyuen by the comissioners or counsaile of the marches for the tyme beynge, shall bringe sende or delyuer euery such offedour to ye officer of the lordshyp marcher, or other place, where any suche offence is or shal be committed or done, vpon the meres and bondes of the sayde lordeshyppes, or to the sayde commissioners or counselle, according as to the sayde officers by them shall be commanded vnder peyne of. xl. poundes, the same comaundemēt or commyssion to be directed to any suche officer to be sende conuayed & delyuered by a sergeaunt at armes, or a purseuaunte, attendaunte on the sayde counsell in the marches, for the tyme beynge.

¶ An acte for amendynge of hyghe wayes in Suffex. Ca. vii.

WHere it is ordeyned and enacted by auctorite of this present parliament heretofore holden at London, the. xv. day of Aprill, in the. XIIII. yere of the kynges moofte noble reygne, and from thens adiurned to westmyster the laste day of July, the. xv. yere of his reygne, and there holden: In consideration that many comen wayes in the weld of Kent be so depe & noyous by wearynge and course of water & other occasions, that people can not haue they^r passages & cariages by horses vpon or by the same, but to they^r great peines perils & ieoperdy, that if any person or persons from that tyme in any place within the sayde weld of the said countie, of his good mynde and disposition without any bale we of good by him or by them to be receyued for the same, will for the commen wele of the kinges people assigne and lay out a more commodious way in & ouer

ouer the londes therbnto adioyning, wherof the perſon or perſons, or other to his vſe ſhall be ſealed of fee in eſtate of inheritance, that the ſame newe way ſo to be aſſigned and layed out, by ouerſight and aſſent of two Juſtices of the peace of the ſaid countie, & .xii. other diſcrete mē within the ſame hundreth inhabiting, where any ſuch newe way ſhalbe limited & layed out, or inhabiting within the ſame hūdreth and other hundredes to the ſaide hūdreth nert adioyning: ſhalbe from thens forth holden occupied & vſed in like maner as the ſaid olde way there nowe is or before hath ben. And that alſo the ſame perſon or perſons ſo diſpoſed, wyllyng and accomplyſhing, ſhall & may for the ſaid new way ſo aſſigned and vſed, receyue and holde in wey in recompenſe for the ſame new waye ſo to be giuen, the ſole & grounde of the olde way in ſeueraltie, to them their heires and aſſignes, to their owne vſe and profyte for euer, without any cōmen way or paſſage there from thens forth to be had or claymed, any preſcriptiō or vſe to the contrary not withſtonding, in like maner & forme as is limited by the ſaid act of a certen new way grāted by the ſame act to be made by George Guylford ſquier at Hempſted in the ſaid weide of Kent. And that the ſayd .ii. Juſtices of peace, and .xii. other diſcrete men, by whoſe ouerſight & aſſent the ſaid new way, by vertu of the ſaid act, ſhalbe aſſigned limitred and laide out, ſhal within .iii. monethes nert after thaſſignemēt limitation & leyeng out of the ſame, make certificat into the kinges moſt honorable court of Chācerie vnder their ſeales of the lēgth and brede of the ſaid new way or ſtrete, & of other thynges adioyning or concerning the ſame, as by their diſcretiōs ſhalbe thought moſt expedient or requiſite for the comen welth of that coūtre to be certified: and that certificat to be made from tyme to tyme, as oft as any ſuche new way or ſtrete ſhalbe aſſigned limitted & layed out in fourme aboue writen.

¶ Prouided alway, that if any perſon or perſons, or body polytike, haue or ought to haue, or hereafter ſhall haue any churche way, or other what ſo euer way or paſſage, ouer or through any maner londes adioynynge to any of the ſaid old ways or ſtretes, which ſhalbe take & vſed by force of that act, as ſeueral ſoile & frehold in recōpence for any new way to be made & layde out in forme aforſaid, or haue or ought to haue, or herafter ſhal haue any lōdis or tenūtes adioining to ꝑ old way: ꝑ they & euery of thē, their heires & ſucceſſours ſhal may haue & vſe their ſeid way or wais out of & in the ſeid new way ouer & through the londe of the ſaid olde wey or ſtrete, into or ouer the ſaid lōdis or tenementis adioyning to the ſame, and ſo to paſſe and repaſſe, as ſhal apperteine ouer the ſame olde wey, at ſuche conuenient place or places therof, as therfore ſhalbe limited and aſſigned by the ſaid .ii. Juſtices of peace & other .xii. mē, and by them to be certified in the Chācerie, among other thynges by thē to be certified in forme aforſaid: any thing in the ſaid act aboue writen notwithſtonding, as by the ſame act manifeſtly appereth.

¶ And for as moche as in many places within the countie of Suſſex lyke act for the alteration of comen wayes & ſtretes there being moch annoyous is moche neceſſarie and expedient for the common welthe and cōmoditie of

the kynges ſubiectes of the ſayde countye of Suſſex to be had & made: In cõſideration wherof be it ordeyned & enacted by the king our ſouerayn lord, & the lordes ſpiritual & temporal, & the comons in this preſent parlyamente aſſembled, & by auctorite of the ſame, that the ſayd act aboue reherſed & recited, ſhal & may from henſeforth extend take effect & be put in execution in euery place cõuenient or neceſſary within the ſaide countie of Suſſex, where ways and ſtretes be noyouſe to the kinges ſaid ſubiectes of the ſame county of Suſſex, in like forme & maner, & in al pointes & conditions, & with like prouiſo to be had don & executed, as it is conteyned & expreſſed in the aboue recyted acte, concernynge the chaunge of the wayes and ſtretes in the ſayd countie of Kent: any preſcription vſe cuſtome or other thynge to the contrarye beinge in any wyſe not withſtondynge.

¶ In acte for the reedifienge of voyde groundes in the citie of Norwyche. Capitulo. viii.

WHere by infortunate chance of fire a great nombre of houſes of habitation within the citie of Norwich, aboute. xxvi. yeres paſt, were burned and vtterly conſumed, to the great heuines diſcomforte loſſe and hynderance of the inhabitantes of the ſame citie. By reaſon of whiche burnynge dyuers and many voide groundes, wherypon before the ſame fire, good & ſubſtanciall houſes of habitation were ſtondynge, remaynynge nowe at this day vnreedifyed, and not only vnreedifyed, but alſo do lie as deſolate & vacant groũdis, many of them nygh adioyning to the high ſtretes, repleniſhed with moche vnclẽnes and fylth, to the great annuſance of the ſaid inhabitantis, & other the kinges ſubiectis paſſyng by the ſame: and to thentent that a reformatiõ may be had in that behalfe, be it enacted by the kinge our ſouereine lorde, & the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the cõmons in this preſent parliament aſſẽbled, & by the auctoritie of the ſame, that if the owner or owners of ſuch vacant groũd or groundes, ſo lieng within the precinct of the ſaid cite, within two yeres next after proclamation made by the cõmandment of the mayre of the ſayd citie for the time being, within and vppon ſuche vacant grounde or groundes, of the tenour and effecte of this preſent acte, do not ſufficiently reedifie, or els with walles of morter and ſtone ſufficiently incloſe the ſame vacant grounde or groundes, wherypon ſuch proclamation ſhalbe made, that than it ſhalbe leful to the Mayre Shiriues citeſens and cõminaltie of the ſame cite and their ſucceſſours for the tyme being, immediately after the ſame two yeres expired, to entre into euery ſuche grounde and groundes ſo vacant as is aforeſayd, wherypon ſuch proclamation, as is before remembred, ſhalbe ſo made, and the ſame grounde and groundis to holde and reteyne without interruption to them and their ſucceſſours for euer, clerely diſcharged of al rentes, as well ageynſt the lordes of fees therof as of all other, ſo that always the ſame mayre ſhyriues citeſens and

cõminaltie, or their successours, do well and sufficiently reedifie, or els with walles of morter and stone, as is aforesayde, sufficiently do inclose the same grounde and groundes, wherin they shall soo entre, within two peres nexte after suche entre by them so to be made as is aforesayde. And in case the same mayre shirefes citezens and cõminaltie, or their successours, doo not sufficiently reedifie or inclose, or cause to be reedified or inclosed the same grounde and groundes in fourme aforesayd within the same terme of two peres next after they shall so entre into the same: that then it shall be lefull to the sayd first owner and owners of all suche grounde and groũdes their heires or successours immediately after the same thre peres so expired to reentre into the same grounde and groundes, and the same to reteyn and enioye ayen to them, their heires and successours, as in their former estate and interest: any thynge in this acte conteyned to the contrarie therof in any wyse not withstondynge.

Prouyded alwayes, that if the owners of such vakant grounde or groũdes, specified in this acte, do not repayre and amend the same, accordynge to the tenour of this act, within two peres lymited by this acte: that then it shall be lefull to the chiefe lordes, of whom suche vacant groundes bene or shalbe holden, to entre and to haue the same groundes to them their heires & successours for euer, so that euery suche chefe lorde do repaire & amende the said vacant groũdes according to the tenour and effect of this act within one yere next after that suche chiefe lorde may entre by auctorite of this act. And if suche chiefe lorde, as may entre by this acte, doo not repayre & amende the same vacant groundes within one yere next after they may entre by this acte: that then for euery suche defaut the mayre shirefes citezens and cominaltie shall laufully entre in to the sayd groundes, according to the tenour forme effect and condicion aboue expressed in this act: any thing in this acte to the contrary therof not withstondyng.

An acte for reedifienge of voyde groundes within the towne of Lynne. Cap. ix.

Humbly beseecheth your good and gracious hyghnes your obedient subiectes, the maire and burgeses of the towne of Lynne Bysshop, in your countie of Norfolke, that where at this present tyme dyuers and many mesuages and tenementes of olde tyme buylded within the sayde towne are and by a longe tyme haue ben in great decay and desolation, wher by the fludde and rage of the see compynge to the sayd towne, and insurgynge vpon suche decayde tenementes in tymes of tempest doth freat and mecuaylously weare in dyuers places of the said towne, to the great hurte and damage as welle of the sayde towne as of dyuers persons hauynge groundes adioynynge to suche places so in decaye, and that the owners of suche decayed groundes wyll not reedifie and maynteyne the sayd mesuages and tenementes so decayed for the

the mayntenaunce and defence of the water and rage of the see, wherby the sayde towne is lyke to falle in more decaye ruyne and desolacion, if remedy therfore be not prouided. In consideracyon wherof it may please youre highnes, that it maye be enacted by youre magestye, by the assentes of the lordes spiritual and temporalle, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that if the owner or owners of suche mesuages and tenementis so decayed set lienge or being within the precint of the said towne, within one yere nexte after proclamacion made by the commaundment of the mayre of the said towne for the time being, within and vpon suche decayed mesuages or tenementes, do not sufficiently reedifie, ozels with walles of morter & stone sufficiently enclose the same mesuages & tenementes & groūdis to them belōging, so being in decay, for defence of the rage of the water: that thē it shalbe leful to the chief lordes, of whom such mesuages or tenementis so decaied shalbe holdē, to entre into the said mesuages & tenemētis so decaied, & the same hold haue and reteyne to them & theyr heires for euer: so that euery such lorde, which shal entre into any mesuages or tenemētis so decaied, by auctorite of this act, do sufficiently reedifie, ozels with walles of morter & stone sufficiently inclose the said mesuages & tenemētes so decaied, in forme as is aboue said, within one yere next after that such chife lorde may ēter into the same by auctoritie of this act. And if such chief lorde, whiche maye entre by auctorite of this acte into the saide mesuages or tenemētes decaied, do not reedifye the saide mesuages & tenemētis decaied, ozels with walles of morter & stone sufficiently inclose the same, in fourme as is aforesaide, wit̄in one yere nexte after such chife lorde moughte enter in to the same by auctorite of this acte: that thē it shalbe lawful to the mayre & cōmnaltie of the said towne for euery such defaut to enter into any such mesuages or tenemētes so decayed, & ꝑ same to haue & reteyne to them & their successours for euer, without interruption, to them & theyr successours for euer, clerely discharged of al rētes, aswel agenst the lordes of fees therof as of al other. So ꝑ alwayes ꝑ same maire & cōmnaltie, or their successours, do wel & sufficiētly reedifie, or els with walles of morter & stone (as is aforesaide) sufficiētly do inclose ꝑ same mesuages & tenemētes or groūdes apteining to ꝑ same, wherin they shal so ētre by auctorite of this act within two yeres next after such ētre by them so to be made, as is aforsaid, and in case the same maire & cōmnalte, or their successours, do not sufficiētly reedify or inclose, or cause to be reedified or inclosed ꝑ same mesuages & tenemētes or groūdes to ꝑ same belōgig, in forme aforesaide, within ꝑ same terme of two yeres next after they shall so entre into ꝑ same: That then it shalbe leful to the said first owner & owners of al such mesuages tenementes & groūdes, theyr heires or successours, immediatly after the same two yeres so expired, to enter into ꝑ same mesuages tenementis & groūdes, and the same to reteine and enioye ageyne to them, their heyres and successours, as in theyr former estate and interesse: Any thinge in this act conteyned to the contrary therof in any wise not withstandyng.

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¶ An acte whereby the kynges highnes hath auctoritie to repelle the statute made for restreinte of wynes to come in afore Candelmas. ca. x.

WHere in the Session of this present parlyament holde at westmynster in the. xb. day of January, in the. xxiii. yere of the kinges moste noble reygne, it was enacted by auctoritie of the same Parliament, that no maner of person or persones shulde discharge and laye on lande out of any shyppe or shyppes, or other vessell or vesselis, any wynes of Gascoyne or Guion, or any maner of frenche wynes, at any hauen porte creke or other place within this realme of Englande, Irelande, wales, or the marches of the same, at any tyme from thensforth betwene the festes of saynt Mychel tharchangel, and the Purification of our Lady, vpon peine of forfayture of the same wines soo broughte and discharged and laied on land at any time thereafter betwene the sayd festes contrary to the sayde acte: The one halfe of whiche forfayture to be to the kinge oure souerayne lorde, and the other halfe therof to suche of the kynges subiectes, as shal seale or sue for the same, by accion of detinue or dette after the rate of the valu therof, by original writte bil plaint or informaton in any of the kynges courtes: In whiche actions and suites the defendaunt shall not be admytted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or essoyne shall be allowed, as amonge other thynges in the sayde acte specified euydently appereth. For as moche as suche leeges and amyties as benne concluded and had betwene the kynges magestie and other forayne kynges and Princes, for the weale and tranquillyte of theyr realmes contreys and people, moughte parcase be ympeched interrupted or derogated, contrary to the pactes and agrementes therin conteyned, as well by occasions of the sayde article conteyned in the sayde acte, as by occasion of sundry other lyke actes heretofore made, or hereafter to be made, whereby the commoditie & marchaundise of this realme, and of other the kynges dompnions ben restreyned to be conueyed into any outwarde parties, forayne realmes, or countreys of other Princes beinge in leege and amytie with the kynges hyghnes, or the commodities and marchaundises of suche outewarde partyes, forayne realmes, and contreys be restreyned to be brought and conueied in to this realme, or elswhere within the kynges dompnyons, to be vttered solde and vsed as freely as of olde tyme hathe ben accustomed: Be it therefore enacted by auctoritie of this present parlyament, that the kynge oure souerayne lorde shall (duringe his lyfe naturall) haue full power and auctoritie by his proclamacions, to be conteyned in letters patentes vnder his greate Seale, & enrolled in his courte of Chauncery, frome tyme to tyme to repelle and make voyde as wel the sayde Article conteyned and specified in the sayde acte made for to restrayne of the bryngynge in of wynes afore the feaste of the Purification of oure Lady, as all other suche actes & statutes

tutes in parte or in the holle, whiche hath ben made sithe the begynninge of this present plyament for the restreynte or lette of any commodities of this realme, or of other the kynges dominions to be conueyed and vttered to & in any outwarde parties, Realmes, or countreis, or for restreynt and lette of any commodyties or marchaundyse of outewarde parties Realmes or countreys to be conueyed brought and vttered to or in this Realme, or elswhere within the kynges dompnions: And by lyke proclamations frome tyme to tyme shall haue power and auctorite to reuiue and make effectuall the sayde statutes and actes apen in theyr force strength and effecte in al or suche parte therof, as to his magestie shall be thought moste conuenyente and profitable for his realme. And that euery such repeale abrogacion and makynge voide of any suche statutes or actes, in parte or in the holle: And euery suche reuiuinge or makinge effectual of them apen in parte or in the holle by proclamations vnder the gret seale, to be made and enrolled in the kinges Chauncery, as is aforesaid, shalbe of the same qualite force strength condition and effecte to al intentes and purposes, as if it had ben don with due circumstances by auctorite of parlyamente, any thynge or thinges conteyned in any suche actes, or any vsage or custome of this realme to the contrary hereof not withstondynge.

¶ An acte for punishement of welshemen attemptynge any assawtes or affrayes vpon any thinhabytantes of Heref. Glouc. and Shropshyre. Cap. xi.

FOr as moche as in tymes paste dyuerse and soundrie the kynge our souerayne lordes subiectes, inhabyted as well in Wales as in the marches of the same, haue heretofore vsed at sondry tymes, when lawfull processe hath ben attempted agaynste theym, or agaynste their kynsemen, or frendes, for sondrye robberyes murders or felonyes by them committed, or for any suites or processe of the lawe pursued or sued agaynste any personne or personnes inhabitynge or dwellynge within Wales, or the marches of the same, within the countyes of Glouceſter, Salope, and Herefordе, haue layen in awayte, and sodenly of prepensed malyce, haue not onelye mette with the pursuers of the sayde suytes in the sayde countyes, and in places nere adioynynge to the same, but also haue beaten, mayhimed, greuouselye wounded, and somtymes murdered diuerse of the same pursuers, for the onely attempting and pursuing of such felons, wherby hath insued no lyttell violation and disturbaunce of the kynges peace, to the greate disquietynge of al the said partyes, & to the right perillous exãple of all others like offenders: Be it therfore ordeined established & enacted by the kinges said highnes, his lordes spiritual & temporal, & the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that if any maner person or personnes, inhabited

byted or dwellynge in wales, or in the marches of the same, atte any tyme hereafter, vpon any prepensed malice, shall presume to assaute beate hurte wounde or mayhim any other the kynges subiectes of the sayde counties, that then he or they so attempetynge, what so euer they be, beinge indicted and conuicted therof, shall suffer imprisonment without reuencion for the space of one hole yere, in suche prison or prisones as vnto the Justices, before whom he or they shalbe so conuicted, shalbe thought conuenient, with suche further peyne and punishement, as he or they shulde haue had if this acte had neuer ben hadde or made. This acte to endure vnto the laste daye of the nexte parliament.

An acte for purgacion of conuictes in wales. Ca. xii.

Where in the parliament sommoned and holden at London, the thirthe daye of Nouember, in the. xxi. yere of the reygne of our soueraygne lorde kynge Henry the. viii. and from thens adiorned vnto Westminster in the countie of Middelsex, and after diuers progacions, there also holden the. xb. day of January, in the. xxiii. yere of the reygne of our sayde soueragne lorde kynge Henry the viii. It was enacted amonge other, that no persone nor persones, whiche from thensforthe shulde happen to be founde gilte after the lawes of this lande for any maner of petie treasone, or for any wylfull murder of malice prepensed, or for robbyng of any churches, chapelles, or other holy places, or for robbyng of any person or persons in their dwellyng howses, or dwellynge place, the owner or dwellar in the same howse, his wyfe, his children, or seruantes then beynge within, and put in feare and dreade by the same, or for robbynge of any person or persons, in or nere about the high wayes, or for wylfull burnynge of any dwellynge howses or barnes, wherein any grayne of cornes shulde happen to be: nor any persone or persones beynge founde gyltie of any abettement, procurement, helpynge, mayntenynge, or counsaylynge of or to any suche petie treasones murders or felonyes, shuld from thensforth be admitted to the benefite of his or their clergie, but vtterly be excluded therof, and suffer death in suche maner and fourme, as they shulde haue done for any the causes or offences aboue sayd, if they were no clerkes, suche as be within holy orders, that is to saye, of the orders of subdeacone or aboue, onely excepte. And also it was then and there by auctorite afore sayde, further enacted, that euery suche persone and persones, within suche orders of subdeacon or aboue, whiche at any tyme from thensforth shulde be founde gyltie of any petie treason, or of any murder of malice prepensed, or of any of the felonies aboue rehersed, or of any accessarie to petie treason, wylful murder, or to any other the felonies aboue especified, and admitted to his or their clergie, and deliuered to the ordinarie for the same, shulde not in any wise from thensforthe be suffered to any purgacion, nor be set at libertie, but remayne and abyde in perpetuall prison, vn-

der the keping of the ordynary, to whom he shuld be cõmytted, & his succes-
sours, without any maner of purgacion, duryng the naturall life of euery
such conuict: except only such person or psons so being within such holy or-
ders, & cõuict of or for any of the offences aforsaid, & deliuered to ỳ ordinarye
for ỳ same, do find two sufficient suerties by Recognisance before two of the
kynges Justices of his peace within the same shire, where the petie treason
murder or felony, wherof he was conuicted, was cõmitted and done, wher-
of one of them to be of the Quorum, that such conuicte shalbe of good abe-
rynge agaynste the kinge our souerayne lord, his lawes and subiectes, and
ry such conuicte to be bounde in the somme of. xl. li. and euerye his sure-
ties in. xx. li. and that no suertie be taken, oneles suche as maye dispende
in landes tenementes or hereditamentes yerely aboue all charges of estate
of inheritaunce of charter holde. xxvi. s. viii. d. or elles be worthe. xx. li. in
mouable substaunce, at the tyme of the takynge of suche recognisaunce.
And that two Justices of peace, wherof one to be of the Quorũ, by aucto-
ritie aforesayd, haue power and auctoritie to take suche recognysance. And
that the sayde Justices, afore whom any suche recognisance shalbe taken,
shall certifie the same into the kynges benche within foure monethes nexte
after the takinge therof, vppon peyne to lose and forfayte. C. s. for euerye
defaute therof. And for as moche as there be no Justices of peace ne of the
Quorum within wales, nor in dyuers other places, cities, honours, lord-
shipis and manours within the kynges dominion, where as a lorde mar-
cher stewarde lieutenaunt deputie or other officer of any suche place citie
honor lordshippe or manour haue auctoritie or power, by custome or other-
wise to arreyne afore hym or them any suche person or persons, being with-
in suche holy orders of subdeacone or aboue, for committyng or doing any
of the sayde pety treasons, murders, felonies, or any other of the saide of-
fences, And if it happen the same persone so beinge therof arrayned to be
founde gyltie, for to admytte hym to his clergie, if he praye the same be-
fore iudgement, and further to do and execute agaynste any suche offen-
dour, beinge so arrayned before theym, in lyke maner and fourme as Ju-
stices of the gaole delyuery within the shire ground haue vsed to do by ver-
tue of the kynges commission vnto them directed: By reason wherof eue-
ry suche persone or persones, within suche orders of subdeacone or aboue,
beinge conuycte of any of the sayde pety treasones, mourders, felonyes,
or any other the sayd offences, before any lorde marcher Stewarde lyeute-
naunt deputie or other officer within wales, or within any other place citie
honor lordeshippe or manour within the kynges dominion, where no Ju-
styces of peace be, and there vppon committed vnto thordinarie as clerke
conuicte, shall there remayne durynge the naturalle lyfe of any suche con-
uycte. The sayde former acte and statute not withstandyng. For that there
be no Justices of the peace ne of the Quorum, there as the sayd pety trea-
son murder or felonie, wherof he is so conuicted, was committed and done,
to take suertie by recognisance for the good aberyng of euery suche cõuict,

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in maner and forme as in the sayde former acte is reherced: Be it therfore enacted by the kinge our souerayngne lorde, and the lordes spirituall & temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that euery suche persone and persones within suche ordets of subdeacone or aboue, beinge conuicte of any petie treasone, or of any murder of malyce prepensid, or of any of the saide felonyes aboue reherced, or of any accessarie to petie treason, wilful murder, or to any other the sayde felonies aboue especifyed, before any lorde marcher, Stuarde, lieutenant, deputie, or other Justice or officer within wales, or within any other place citie towne honor lordshippe or maner within the kinges dominion, where no Justices of the peace and of the Quorū be, and therupon the same conuicte admytted vnto his clergie, that the same persone or persons so being with in such holy ordres, & conuicte before any such lorde marcher Stuarde Lieutenaunte deputie or other Justice or officer in wales, or within any suche place citie towne honor lordshippe or maner, within any the kynges dominion, where be no Justices of the peace & of the Quorum, of or for any of the offences afore sayde, and delyuered vnto the ordinarie as clerke conuicte for the same, shall or maye fynde two suerties by recognisaunce for his good aberinge before two of the kiges Justices of the peace, whereof the one to be of the Quorum, in the shere where the same conuicte is or shalbe kept in the ordinaries prison, if the same prisone be within the shere grounde, where Justices of the peace and of the Quorum be, orelse before two of the kinges Justices of the peace, wherof the one to be of the Quorum in next shire adioynynge vnto the same prison: And that the same two Justices of the peace, wherof the one to be of the Quor, to haue power and auctorite to take suche recognisaunce, and to certifie the same in lyke maner and forme, and vppon lyke peyne, as it shuld or ought to haue ben done by vertue of the sayde former acte if the same petie treason murder felonye or other offence, of or for whiche any suche conuicte was or shall be so conuicte and admytted vnto his clergye, as is aforesayde, had ben committed and done within the shire ground, where Justices of the peace and of the Quorum be.

¶ In acte, wherby dyuers offences be made hygh treason, and takynge waye al sayntuaries for all maner of high treasons. Ca. xiii.

FOR AS MOCHE as it is moste necessary bothe for comune policie and duety of subiectes aboue al thinges to prohybite prouyde restreyn and extinct al maner of shamefull sclaunders perils or imminente daunger or daungers, whiche myghte growe happen or ryse to theyr souerayngne lorde the kynge, the quene, or theyr heyres, whyche when they be harde sene or vnderstand, canne not be but odible & also abhored of al those sortes

that be trewe and louynge subiectes, if in any poynte they may do or shall touche the kyng, his quene, theyr heires or successours, vpon which dependethe the hole vnite and vniuersall weale of this realme, withoute prouydynge wherfore, to great a scope of vnreasonable lybertie shulde be gyuen to all cankarde and traytrous hartes, wyllers & workers of the same. And also the kynges louing subiectes shulde not declare vnto theyr soueraigne lorde nowe beinge, whiche vnto them hathe ben and is moste entierly both beloued and estemyd, theyr vndouted synceritie and trouthe. Be it therfore enacted by the assent and consente of oure soueraygne lorde the kinge, and the lordes spirituall and temporalle, and commons in this presente parlyament assembled, and by thauctorittie of the same, that if any persone or persons after the fyrste daye of Februarye nexte cominge, do maliciously wishe wyll or desyre by wordes or writinge, or by crafte imagen, inuent, practise, or attempte any bodely harme to be done or cõmitted to the kinges moste royall persone, the quene, or theyr heyres aparant, or to depryue thẽ, or any of them, of the dignitie tytle or name of theyr royal estates, or sclanderously and maliciously publysshe and pronounce by expresse writynge or wordes, that the kinge our soueraygne lorde, shulde be heretike, scismatike, tiraunt, infydell, or vsurper of the crowne, or rebellyously do deteine kepe or withholde frome our sayde soueraygne lorde, his heires or successours, any of his or theyr castels, fortresses, fortyfies, or holdes within this realme, or in any other the kynges dominions, or marches, or rebelliously deteyne kepe or withholde from the kynges sayd hyghnes, his heires or successours any of his or theyr shyppis, ordinaunces, artillary, or other municions or fortifications of warre, and do not humbly render & gyue vp to our sayd soueraygne lorde, his heyres or successours, or to such persons as shall be deputed by them, such castels, fortresses, fortilesses, holdes, shyps, ordinaunces, artillarie, and other munitions & fortificatiõs of warre, rebelliously kepte or deteyned, within .vi. dayes, nexte after they shalbe commaunded by our sayd soueraygne lorde, his heyres or successours, by open proclamacyon vnder the greate seale. That then euery suche persone and persons so offendinge in any the premisses, after the sayd fyrst daye of Februarye, theyr aydours, counsailours, consentours, and abbettours, beyng therof lawfully conuicte, accordinge to the lawes and custommes of this realme, shall be adiudged traytours, and that euery such offence in any the premysses, that shall be committed or done after the sayde first daye of Februarie, shall be reputed accepted and adiuged hyghe treason: And the offendours therin, and theyr aidours consenters counsailours & abbettours, beinge lawfully conuicte of any suche offence, as is aforesayde, shall haue and suffre suche peynes of deathe, and other penalites, as is lymytted and accustomed in cases of highe reason.

¶ And to thintent that all treasons shulde be the more dredde hated and detested to be don by any person or persons, & also bycause it is a gret boldnes

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an occasion to ylle disposed personnes to aduenture and imbrace their malicious intentes and enterprises, whiche all true subiectes oughte to study to eschewe. Be it therfore enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that none offendour in any kindes of high treasons, what soo euer they be, theyr ayders consenters consaylours nor abbettours shall be admitted to haue the benefite or priuilege of any maner of seyntuarie, considering that matters of treasons toucheth so nygh both the suretie of the kinge oure soueraygne lordes person, and his heires and successours.

¶ And ouer that be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that if any of the kinges subiectes denisens or other, do commytte or practise oute of the limites of this realme in any outewarde partis, any suche offences, whiche by this acte are made, or heretofore haue be made tresonne, that thenne suche treasons what soo euer they be, or where so euer they shal happen soo to be done or committed, shall be inquired, and presented by the othes of twelue goode and laufulle men, vppon goode and probable euidence and wytnes in such shyre and countie of this realme, and before suche personnes, as hit shall please the kynges hyghnesse to appoynte by commission vnder his great seale, in lyke maner and fourme as treasons commytted within this realme, haue ben vsed to be inquyred of and presented, and that vppon euery indytemente and presentment founden and made of any suche treasonnes, and certified into the kynges benche, lyke proces and other cyrcumstaunce shall be there hadde and made ayenste the offenders, as if the same treasons so presented hadde be laufully founde to be done and committed within the lymyttes of this realme. And that all proces of outlarie hereafter to be made and hadde within this realme, agaynste any offendours in treason, beynge resiante or inhabited oute of the lymittes of this realme, or in any of the partes of beyonde the see, at the tyme of the outelawry pronounced agaynste theym, shall be as goode and as effectualle in the lawe to all intentes and purposes, as if suche offenders had be resident and dwellynge within this realme, at the tyme of such proces awarded & outlary pronounced. ¶ And be it further enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that euery offender and offenders beynge herafter laufully conuicte of any maner of high tresons by presentment confession verdycte or proces of outelarie, accordinge to the due cours and custome of the common lawes of this realme, shal lose & forfayte to the kynges hyghnesse, his heyres and successours, all suche londes tenementis and hereditamentes, whiche any suche offender or offenders shall haue of any estate of inheritance in vse or possession, by any right title or menes within this realme of England, or els where within any the kynges dominions, at the tyme of any suche treasone committed, or any tyme after. Sauynge to euery personne and personnes, theyr heyres and successours, other thenne the offenders in any treasons, theyr heyres and successours, & such person and persones, as claime to any theyr vses, al such rightes titles iterestis possessyōs leases rētes offices & other ꝓfetis, whiche

they shal haue at the day of cõmyttyng suche treasons, or at any tyme afore, in as large and ample maner, as if this acte had neuer ben had nor made.

¶ An acte for nomination and consecration of Suffragans within this realme. Cap. xiiii.

ALbe it that sythen the begynnyng of this present parlyament, good and honorable ordenaunces and statutes haue ben made and establysshed for elections presentations consecrations and inuestyng of archebyshops & byshops of this realme, and in all other the kynges dominions, with all ceremonies appertenyng vnto the same, as by sundry statutes therof made more at large is specified: yet neuer the les no prouision hiderto hath ben made for suffragans, whiche haue be accustomed to be had within this realme for the more spedy administration of the sacramentes & other good holsome & deuout thinges, & laudable ceremonies, to thencreace of goddis honour, & for the cõmodite of good & deuout people. Be it therfore enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that the townes of Thetford, Ippeswiche, Colchester, Douer, Gylford, Southampton, Tawnton, Shaftesbury, Wolton, Marleburgh, Bedford, Leicester, Glowcester, Shrewesbury, Bristowe, Penterth, brydgewater, Nottyngham, Grauntham, Hulle, Huntyngdon, Cambridge, and the townes of Perethe and Berwike, sayncte Germains in Cornewal, and the Ile of wight, shalbe taken and accepted for sees of byshops suffragãs to be made in this realme and in wales, & the byshops of suche sees shalbe called suffragans of this realme. And that euery archebyshop and byshop of this realme and of wales, and els where within the kinges dominions, beinge disposed to haue any suffragane, shall and maye at their lyberties name & elect, that is to say, euery of them for their peculier diocise, two honest and discrete spiritual persons, being lerned and of good conuersatiõ, & those two persons so by thẽ to be named, shal present to the kinges highnes by their writting vnder their seales makyng humble requeste to his mateistie, to giue to one suche of the said two persons, as shal please his mateistie, suche title name stile and dignitie of byshop of such of the sees aboue especified, as the kynges highnes shal thinke most cõuenient for þ same. And that the kinges mateistie vpon euery such plentation, shal haue ful power & auctorite to gyue to one of those two persons, so to his highnes to be presented, the stile tytle and name of a byshop of suche of the sees aforesaid, as to his mateistie shalbe thought most cõuenient & expedient, so it be within þ same prouince, wherof the byshop þ doth name him is. And þ euery suche person, to whom the kinges highnes shal gyue any suche style & title, of any of the sees aforenamed, shalbe called byshop suffragane of the same see, wherunto he shalbe named. And after such title stile and name so giuen, as is aforesaid, the kinges mateistie shal present euery such pson by his letters patẽtes vnder his gret seale, to the archbyshop of Canturbury, if the town, wherof

wherof he hath his tytle, be within the prouynce of Canturburye, & lykewise to the archbishop of yorke, if the towne wherof he hath his title, be within ỹ prouince of yorke, signifieng & declarynge by the same letters patentes, the name of the person presented, & the style & tytle of dignitie of bysshoprych, wherunto he shalbe nominated: requiring the same archebishop, to whom such letters patentes shalbe directed, to consecrate the sayd person so nominate, & plēted, to the same name tytle style & dignite of bishop, that he shal be nominated & plented vnto, & to giue him al such cōsecratiōs benedictiōs & ceremonies, as to ỹ degre & office of a byshop suffragane shalbe requisite.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that al & euery such person & persons, as shalbe nominated elected presented & consecrate, as is afore rehersed, shalbe take accepted & reputed, in al degrees & places, according to the stile title name & dignite that he shalbe so plented vnto, & haue such capacite power & auctorite, honor ēminence & reputation, in as large & ample maner in & concerning the execution of such commission, as by any of the said archbishops or bishops within their dioces shalbe giuē to the said suffragās, as to suffragās of this realme hertofore hath bē vsed & acustomed.

¶ And beit further enacted by auctorite aforesaid, ỹ euery archbishop of this realme, to whom any ỹ kinges letts patētes in the cases afore rehersed shal be directed, hauing no lawful impedimēt, shal pforme & acōplishe ỹ effectes & cōtētes of this act within ỹ time of .iii. mothes next after such letters patētes shal come to their hādes, any vsage custōes forreyn lawes priuileges prescriptions or other thing or thinges hertofore vsed had or don to ỹ contrary hereof not withstondyng.

¶ Prouided always, ỹ no such suffragās, whiche shalbe made & cōsecrate by vertu & auctorite of this act, shal take or pceiue any maner of pfites of ỹ places & sees, wherof they shalbe named, nor vse haue or execute any iurisdictiō or episcopal power or auctorite within they' said sees, nor within any dioces or place of this realme, orels wher within the kinges dominiōs, but only suche profites iurisdiction power & auctorite, as shalbe lycenced & lymitted to them to take do & execute by any archbishop or bishop of this realme within their dioces, to whom they shalbe suffraganes by they' cōmission vnder their seles. And ỹ euery archbishop & bishop of this realme, for they' owne peculier dioces may & shal giue such cōmissiō or cōmissions to euery such bishop suffragā, as shalbe so cōsecrate by auctorite of this act, as hath bē accustomed for suffragās hertofore to haue, or els such cōmissiō as by them shal be thought requisite reasonable & conuenient. And that no suche suffragan shal vse any iurisdiction ordinarie, or episcopal power, otherwise nor longer time then shalbe limited by such comission to hym to be giuē as is aforesaid, vpon peine to incurre into the peines losses forfaitures & penalties mēcioned in the statute of puisions, made in the .xvi. yere of kinge Richard ỹ . ii.

¶ Prouided alwais, that ỹ bishop ỹ shal nominate ỹ suffragā to the kinges highnes, or ỹ suffragan him self that shalbe nominate, shal prouide two bysshops or suffraganes to consecrate hym with the archbishop, and shal bere they' reasonable costes.

¶ Prouided also that the residence of hym that shalbe suffragane ouer the diocese, where he shall haue commyssion, shall serue hym for his residence as sufficiently, as if he were residente vpon any other his benefyce, any act heretofore made to the contrary notwithstondynge.

¶ Be it further enacted, that all suche suffraganes, as shall hereafter exercise thoffices aforesayde, by the commission of the bysshoppe, for the better mayntenaunce of his dignitie, may haue two benefices, with cure, any former acte made to the contrary not withstondynge.

¶ In acte for takynge away certayne exactions taken within the archedeaconry of Richemond by spirituall men. Cap. xv.

FOr as moch as dyuers and many ỹ kyng our souerayne lordes subiectes, inhabited within the archedeaconry of Richemonde, in the countie of yorke, be and of longe tyme haue benne sore and greuously exacted and impouerished by the persons vicars and others suche as haue benefices and spirituall promotions within the same, as by takynge of euery person, when he dyeth, in the name of a pension or of a porcion, sumtyme the nynth parte of all his goodes and cattals, and sometyme the thyrde parte, to the open and manifest impouerysshynge of moste parte of all the kynges poore subiectes, inhabyted and deceasynge within the same. Wherfore be hit ordeyned enacted and establysshed by the kynge our souerayne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that from the feaste of sayncte Marke the euangelist nexte commynge, no maner of spirituall person or others nowe hauynge, or that frome the sayde feaste shall haue any maner of benefice, or other spirituall promotion within the sayde Archedeaconrye, shal in no wise aske leue demaunde or take, after the discease of any person or persones, any suche pensions or porcions, nor any other demaund or duetie, in the name or lue of the same, vppon peyne to incurre suche daungiers forfaytures and penalties, as be conteyned in the statute of prouisours, made in the .xxv. yere of the reyne of your most noble progenitour kynge Edward the third: But that all and euery the kynges subiectes of the saide archedeconry, and theyr Executours and administratours, from henceforth shalbe ordred entreated and vsed for theyr goodes and catalles after theyr decease, in lyke maner forme order and condition, as is conteyned in the statute made in the. xxi. yere of your moste noble and victorious reygne for probate of testamentes, and none other wyse, any vse custom bull composicion prescription or ordinaunce heretofore had obteyned or vsed to the contrary, within the forsayde archedeconry, in any wyse notwithstondynge.

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¶ An acte for makinge of worstedes in the citie of Norwiche, and in the townes of Lynne and Yermouth. Ca. xvi.

WHere at a parlyamente holden at London the .xv. daye of Apryll, in the .xiiii. yere of the reigne of our souerayne lord the kinge that nowe is, and from thens adiorned to westmynstre, the laste daye of July, in the .xv. yere of our said souerayne lorde, and therr ended: It was ordeyned enacted and establysshed, that the craftes me called worsted weuers, inhabited in the Towne of gret yermouth, shuld haue power and auctorytie by that acte from thensforwarde, to electe and chose yerely for euer, on the mundaye nert after the feaste of Penterost, one honeste man of the mystery and occupacion of worsted weuers, beinge an howse holder within the sayd Town of great yermouth, & hauing of his pper goodis and catalles to the value of .x.li. at the leste, or landes and tenementes to his owne vse of estate of free holde at the leste, to the clere yerely value of .xx.s. to be warden of the same craft & mistery of worsted weuers for the yere nert insuinge, which man so elected and chosen, shuld personally appere before the Mayer of the citie of Norwiche, for the tyme beynge, the mundaye nert after the feaste of corpus Christi, then nert insuinge, then and there to be sworne and Chargid by lyke othe, concernyng the trewe and substauncial making of worsteddis sayes and stampnes within the sayde Towne of greate yarmouthe, as the .viii. wardens of the sayd citie of Norwyche, by vertue of any acte of parliament, made in the .vii. yere of king Edwarde the fourthe, were chargid and sworne for the same cytye of Norwiche. And if the sayd mayre happened to be absent the said mondaye nerte after corpus Christi, orels then refused to receyue or take the sayd othe, then the sayde warden soo electe within .viii. dayes nerte after the same mondaye, shuld come before the bayliffes of the sayd towne of greate yermouthe, for the tyme being, or before one of the, the other being absent, and then & there receyue a corporal othe for the trewe exercisinge of the same office of wardenship, after the tenoure of the othe accustomably vsed to be geuen to the sayde wardens of the sayde citie of Norwiche, and then the sayde wardeyn of the sayde towne of great yarmouth for the tyme beinge, so electe & sworen, myght ordeyne and appoynt a seale with this letter, Y, to be grauen in the same seale, and myght haue full power and auctorytie to viewe serch seale and seale in leade with the same seale, so to be appointed & engraue, & noue other, al worsteddes sayes and stampns within the sayde towne of yermouth, and subbarbes of the same, made or to be made, and not els where, in as large and ample maner as the sayde wardeynes of the sayde cytie of Norwiche, and the wardens of the countie of Norffolke or any of theym, hadde within ethsayd citie or county, or in any wyse may do in that behalfe by auctorytie or vertue of the afore remembred acte, made in the sayde .vii. yere

pere of kynge Edwarde the.iiii. any thynge in the same conteyned to the contrary therof notwithstonding. And that no person inhabited within the sayde towne of greate yermouth or subburbes therof, shulde weaue any worstedes, sayes, or stampns, within the same Towne, excepte he be an englyshman borne, and hadde ben apprentise to the sayde occupation, and without he weaued there suche proper markes as shulde be lymitted and appoynted by the sayde warden of the sayde Towne for the tyme beinge, electe and sworne as is aforesayd, vpon peyne of forfapture therof to the kynge oure soueraygne lorde. And that euery wardeyne of the sayde towne shulde lymitte distincte and seuer all markes to euery of the sayde worsted weauers of the same Towne of greate Yarmouthe, and the same markes by the sayd wardeyn to be regestred in a boke.

¶ And also it was further enacted, that if and when so euer the towne of Lynne shulde be inhabited with. x. sundrye householders or more numbre of howseholders, exceptynge and vsynge the sayde crafte or mysterie of worstede weauers, then and from thensforth, that is to say, as longe as the same towne of Lynne shulde be inhabited with the noumbre of tenne suche householders at the leaste, it shoulde be lefull to the same inhabitauntes of the saide towne of Lynne, yerely in the monday next after the feast of Pen tecost, to electe and chose of them selfe one warden of the saide crafte and mysterie of worstede weauers, to be of the value in landes and goodes as is aforesayde, of the wardens of yarmouth, whiche warden so electe, shuld yerely be sworne and charged at the said citie of Norwiche, in lyke maner and at lyke day, as is before lymited to the wardeynes of yarmouth, or in defaute of the sayde mayre of Norwiche, than the sayde wardeyn so to be electe for the sayde towne of Lynne, to take a corporalle othe before the maire of the said towne, within suche tyme and after suche forme, as is be= fore lymitted, vnto the saide warden of yermouth. And that the sayd war= den of the sayde towne of Lynne for the tyme beinge so electe and sworne by hym selfe myght ordeyne and appoynt a seale with this letter, L, to be grauen in the seale, and myghte haue fulle power and auctoritie, to viewe serche seale and seale in leade with the same seale, so to be grauen, and with none other, all worstedes, sayes, and stampnes, within the sayde towne of Lynne and subbarbes of the same, made or to be made, and not els where, in as large and ample maner, as the sayde wardeyne of the sayde citye of Norwiche, and warden of the sayde countie of Norffolke, or any of them, hadde within the saide citie or countie, or otherwyse myght do by auctoritie or vertue of the aforesayd acte, made in the sayd seuenth yere of kyng Ed= warde the fourthe, any thynge conteyned in the same acte to the contrarye not withstondynge.

¶ And that no personne inhabited within the sayde towne of Lynne or subbarbis therof, shuld make any worstedes says or stampns within ꝑ same Towne, except he were englyshe borne, and had ben apprentice to the same occupacion, and without he weaued therin suche proper marke, as shulde

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be lymitted & appoynted by the saide wardens of the same towne of Lynne, for the time beinge, vpon peyne and forfayture therof to the kyng our soueraygne lord. And that euery warden of the sayd towne, shuld lymite distynete & seuer all markes to euery of the sayd worsted weauers of the same towne, and the same markes by the sayd warden to be regestred in a boke. ¶ And it was further enacted, that from the feaste of seynt Mychell tharchangel then next folowing, vnto such time as þ said towne of Linne shuld be inhabited with the sayde nomber of .x. howsholders of the sayd craste of worsted weauers, & alwaies after whe the nomber of .x. howsholders shuld happen to fayle & not be inhabyted in the sayd towne of Linne, the said wardeyns of the saide citie of Norwiche and theyr successours, shulde procure and cause one of them selfes or one of the wardens of the sayd craste of the said countie of Norfolke, personally to come and be euery .xxviii. day from & after the said feast of seint Michel the Archangel in and to the said towne of Linne, or within .vi. dayes nexte after euery suche .xxviii. day, and there to continewe and abide by so longe tyme, as he might serche and seale all suche worsteds sayes and stamines, made in the same towne of Lynne, as then shulde be brought to him to be sealed within the space of one hole day. And the sayd inhabytauntis of worsted weauers of the same towne of Linne beynge, shulde contente and paye to the sayde wardeynes of Norwiche or Norf. whiche shulde so come to Lynne, in the said .xxviii. day, or within the .vi. dayes nexte after the .xxviii. daye, for his costes and expences for euerye tyme that he shulde so come to Lynne, betwene the feastes of saynete Michaell the archangel, and the Annunciation of our lady saynct Mary .iii.s. and for euery tyme that he shulde so comme to the sayde towne of Lynne, betwene the feaste of the Anunciation of our ladye, and the feaste of saynte Mychell the archaungel .ii.s. And if the sayde inhabitauntes of worstede weauers of the sayde towne of Lynne dydde not contente and paye to the sayde wardeyne, commynge to Lynne in fourme aforesayde, for his sayde costes and charges, the sayde .iii.s. or .ii.s. as is aboue lymyted, then the same inhabitantes shulde forfayte and pay to the sayd wardeyne, or to his executours for euery suche defaute of payemente .xl.s. And if none of the sayd wardeyns of Norwyche and Norf. come to the sayd towne of Lynne, for the cause aforesayde, in maner and fourme aboue remembred, that the saide wardeynes of the sayde citie of Norwiche shulde forfaite and paye to the sayd inhabitauntes of Lynne of the sayde mysterye of worsted weauers, for euery suche defaute .xl.s. for recompence of the penaltie and forfaytes, the sayde wardens of Norwiche or Norff. beinge therunto intytled by that acte by his proper name, with this addicion, that is to say, *Vnius gardianorum*, or *Nuper vnius Gardianorum, artis siue misterie textorum panni lanei vocat. vvorsted. in ciuitate Norvvich. vel com. Norf.* as the treweth requireth, shulde and myght haue action of dette by writte byll or playnte, in any competent or lawfull courte of this realme, ayenst the inhabytauntes of Lynne of the sayd misterie for the tyme beynge, by their sundrye proper names, and the

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saide inhabitauntes by their said names with this addicion, *Textorum pannilanei vocat. vvorsted. inhabitantes ville de Lynne*, shulde and myght haue lyke actiō of dette ayenst the saide wardens of Norwiche, by the name of *Cardiani artis siue misterie textorum pannorum laneorum, vocat. vvorsted. infra ciuitatem Norvvici vel com. Norff.* to be vsed to good congruities of latine, & forme of the lawes of this realme, in whiche actions or any of them, none essoyne protection or wager of lawe shulde be suffred or allowed. And that the particuler bodies or goodes of any of the said wardeyns, or inhabitantes, beinge condempned in any of the said actions, shulde and myght be put in execution, after suche maner and forme, as is vsed in an action of dette by cours of the common lawe of this realme.

¶ And more ouer it is enacted, that all clothes of worstedes sayes and stampns, made within any of the sayd townes of Lynne and great permouth or subbarbes of the same, or any of them, and marked with suche markes, as shuld be limitted to the markets, by the said wardens of the said town, in maner and fourme as is aboue saide, and viewed and sealed by any of the saide wardens of the sayde townes of Lynne and permouth, in fourme remembred, by force and vertue of the saide acte, myght be lawfully put to sale by the owners and makers of the same, without any other markyng or sealynge vpon the same clothes, or vpon any of them to be had or made, of or vppon any of the saide clothes, for lacke of any other seales or markes, any thinge conteyned in the sayde. vii. yere of kyng Edwarde the. iiii. to the contrary not withstondynge.

¶ And ouer this it was enacted, that euery craftes man of the sayde mysterie and occupation of worstede makynge, dwellynge within any of the sayde townes of Lynne and permouthe, and subbarbes of the same, atte their owne free wylles and lyberties frome thens forth for euer, myghte haue and take apprentice or apprentices, beinge male of the age of. xviii. yeres and vpwarde, and beynge the kynges naturall subiectes, for terme of. vii. yeres, and not vnder, so that none of theym excede the noumbre of two at ones, to lerne vse and exercyse the sayde crafte within eyther of the sayde two townes of Lynne and greatte permouthe, and subbarbes of the same: all be hit the father of the sayde apprentice or apprentices myghte not expende in landes or tenementes, to the yerely valewe of twentye shyllynges: any acte or ordynaunce to the contrarye made or to be made not withstondynge.

¶ Prouided alwaye that the same acte, nor any thynge therin conteyned, shoulde not in any wise be hurtefull or preiudiciall to the maire of Norwiche, or to his successour, or to the wardens of the sayde cytie or countye, or to theyr successoures, in any poynte or artycle power or auctoritie, other than for weauing, serchynge and sealyng of worstedes sayes and stampns, made or to be made onely within the sayd townes of Lynne & permouth, or sub-

or ſubbarbes of the ſame, or to any of theym, and for lymitting of markes, to the makers of worſtedes ſays and ſtamyns, onely inhabited in eyther of the ſayde townes or ſubbarbes therof, and takyng of apprentices in forme aboue remembred: but that the ſayde maire of the ſaide citie of Norwiche, and wardens of the ſame citie and countie, and euery of them, myght haue and vſe all other poyntes, articles, powers, and auctorities conteyned and ſpecified in the aboue remembred acte, made in the ſayd. viii. yere of kynge Edwarde the fourthe, as well for the ſerche ſealynge correction and reformation of the ſaide wardeynes, newely to be elected by the vertue of the ſame acte, and euery of theym, accordynge and after ſuche fourme as they myght do or vſe any of the ſayde wardeynes of the ſayde citie or countie, by force of the ſaide acte, made in the ſaide. viii. yere of kynge Edwarde the iiii. as all and euery other inqueries corrections ſerches ſealynges and reformations to be hadde for the trewe makyng of worſtedes ſayes and ſtamyns, in and vpon any perſone or perſons, as wel within the ſayd townes of Lynne and yermouth, as without, withoute trouble lette or veration of any of the inhabitantes of the ſaide towne in as large and ample wyſe, as they myght haue done before the makynge of the ſayd acte, any thyng conteyned in the ſame acte to the contrary not withſtandyng.

¶ And alſo it was further prouided and enacted, that the ſaid craftes men of worſtede weauers, inhabited or after that to be inhabited within eyther of the ſayd townes of Lynne and yermouth or ſubbarbes of the ſame, and the marchantes, or any other perſon or perſones, whiche ſhulde happen to bye of the ſame craftes men, or any of them, or any other perſon, any of the ſayd clothes of worſteds ſays or ſtamyns, made or to be made within eyther of the ſayd townes of Lynne and yermouth, and ſealed by the ſaide wardes of the ſame townes, to be electe and ſworne, as is aforeſaid, and any of the, ſhulde not there dye or put in colour, or calender any worſtedes ſtamyns or ſayes, made or after that to be made within eyther of the ſayde townes of Lynne and yermouth, or ſubbarbes of the ſame, in any other place or places, but only within the ſayde citie of Norwiche, or ſubbarbes of the ſame, vpon peyne of forfayture of euery pece of worſtedes ſays or ſtamyns, to be made within any of the ſayde townes of Lynne and yermouth, or ſubbarbes of the ſame, or the value therof, ſhorne dyed coloured or kalendred by any of the ſaide craftes men, byers or marchauntes, in any other place or places than in the ſaide citie of Norwiche, or ſubbarbes of the ſame, The one halfe therof to be to the kyng our ſouerayn lord, & the other halfe therof to ſuche perſone or perſones, as ſhulde ſeaſe the ſame, ſo that the ſaid worſtedes brought to the ſayde citie of Norwyche to be ſhorne dyed colored and kalendred, without couyne or crafte of any of the ſaide inhabitauntes and marchantes, myght be ſhorne died coloured and kalendred at and by as conuenient price or prices, and in as redy wiſe, as the ſaid inhabytantes of eyther of the ſayd townes of Lynne and yarmouth, and marchantes byers of the ſaide worſtedes, or other of the ſeide citie and countie, had had in tymes

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paſt, or after that ſhulde haue. And alſo that the ſame inhabytauntes and marchauntes and euery of them, ſo bryngynge the ſayd worſtedes to the ſame citie to be ſhorne dyed coloured and kalendred, were reaſonably and lawfully intreated accordynge to the ſayd acte, made in the ſaide. viii. yere of kynge Edwarde the fourthe, and the ordinaunce made and affyrmed, or thereafter to be made and affirmed for the ſayd myſtery, without lette or diſturbaunce, contrary to the ſame acte or ordinaunce in that behalfe.

¶ And it was further enacted, that no perſone or perſons, any tyme after that ſhulde conuey or tranſporte in to any of the parties of beyonde the ſee, any maner of clothes of worſtedes, before the ſame clothes were ſhorn dyed coloured and kalendred, vpon peyne of forfeyture the value therof: the one halfe to the kynge our ſouerayngne lorde, and the other halfe therof to the partie that wyll ſue therfore, by action or playnt of det in any of the kynges courtes, in which action or ſuite no protection or eſſoine ſhulde be alowed, nor the defendour admitted to wage his lawe, as by the ſayd acte therof made more playnly appereth: whiche act was made to endure vnto the next parlyament, wherby it is nowe expired, in conſideration wherof, and for as moche as the ſame act is a good and neceſſary acte for the trewe makynge of worſtedes, ſayes, and ſtamyns, and very commodious and profytable for the increaſe of the ſayde townes of yermouth and Lynne, be it therfore enacted by the kynge our ſouerayngne lorde, and the lordes ſpyrytuall, and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parlyamente aſſembled/that the ſame act, and euery artycle ſentence and prouyſion therin conteyned, ſhall fromhenſforthe be continued and ſtande for euer in fulle ſtrength and vertue.

¶ An act that no fermours of ſpirituall perſones ſhalbe compelled or charged to paye for theyr leſſours fyrſt fruites or yeres penſion of the tenth graunted to the kynges hyghnes. Cap. xvii.

For certayne reſonable and vrgent conſiderations, mouyng the kinges moſt hygh courte of parlyament, it is ordeyned and enacted by auctorytie of the ſame, that all and ſinguler fermours and leſſees of any manours, lordſhippes, londes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, perſonages, vicarages, portions of tythes, or other what ſo euer profyttes or commodities, belongyng to any archebyſhoppe, byſhoppe, or other prelate or ſpiritual perſon or perſons, or ſpiritual body corporate or politique, wherof any fyrſt fruites or yerely penſion of the tenth parte is graunted to the kynge our ſouerayne lorde in this preſent ſeſſion of the ſayde courte of parlyamente, ſhall be diſcharged and not chargeable to pay to our ſayde ſouereygne lorde of his or theyr proper money coſte or charge, for or in diſcharge of the leſſour or leſſours, owner or owners of the ſame, by reaſon of any couenaunt, bargayn, bonde, condition

dition, clause of reentre, or other thinge heretofore made or concluded, but that euery of the sayd lessours and owners, and they' successours, shall be charged and chargeable to paye and satisfie the same of his or there proper coste and charge, to the kynge our souereygne lorde, his heyres and successours, accordyng to the graunte therof: any couenaunte, bargayne, contract, bond, condition, clause of reentre, or other thing heretofore made or concluded to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstondynge.

¶ An acte concerninge the kynges generall and free pardon graunted by his highnes. Capitulo. xviii.

THe kynges moste royall magestie, prudently consyderynge, that al be it his highnes of his moste excellent pitie benignite and mercye, manyfolde tymes heretofore mercifully and liberally hath graunted his mooste gracious free and generall pardon, to all and synguler his subiectes, by the whiche his magestie hathe remytted & released innumerable & inestimable substance and profites, whiche he moughte haue lawfully taken and had by the lawes and customes of this his realme, trustinge by his often remission pardone and mercy, myniſtred to his subiectes, to allure offenders from vice to vertue, and that they wolde putte they' diligent deuoyres to amende and reforme they' abuses: yet neuertheles his louinge and obedient subiectes; sithen his laste moste gracious and lyberal pardons to them graũted, haue incurred into innumerable penalites losses forfaytures & damages, whereof fewe or none of them are able to make full recompence or condigne satisfaction to his highnes, if his magestie shulde procede agaynste them by dewe course of his lawes, trustinge that nowe from hensforthe they wyll eftsones amende and beware the incurringe of the forsaide daungers and perils, seynge they haue had so many admonicions and gentil warnings: And perceyuinge also the great zele and affection, whiche his louinge subiectes beare vnto hym and his dignitie royall, as by many wayes in this presente parlyamnt they haue declared and shewed. In consideratiõ wherof, and trustinge as afore, the kynges highnes to shewe vnto his louynge subiectes, that he both can & wyl consider, when he is bothe kyndly and louingly handled of them, vpon his mere motion, and to declare also his tender loue and affection, whiche he berethe vnto his Nobilite and subiectes accordinge to his accustomable goodnes, is contented and pleased at this tyme to extende his pitie mercy and benignitie to all and synguler his subiectes of this his realme of Englande, wales, the Iles of Jerneſey & Garneſey, Barwyk, and Caleis, and the marches of the same by waye of his free pardone and Remyssione, as here after folowethe, rather couetynge they' amendementes by gentylle and mercyfulle meanes, then to be enryched by they' euille dedes and offences. And for that his sayde free pardone

and remyssion to be had taken and enioyed to and by them & euery of them by vertue of this p̄sent acte, his grace is fully and resolutely contented and pleased, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this p̄sent parlyament, in maner and fourme folowinge: That is to saye, that all and euery of his sayd subiectes, as well spirituall as temporall of this his realme of England, wales, the said Iles of Jerneslye, and Garnesey, Barwyke, & Calets, and the marches of the same, the heyres successours executours and admynystratours of them & of euery of them, and all and syngular bodies in any maner of wise corporate, cities, boroughes, shires, riddinges, hundreds, lathes, rapes wapentakes, townes, villages, and tithinges, and of euery of them, and the successour and successours of euery of them, shalbe by auctoritie of this present parlyament acquited, pardoned, released, and discharged ayenst the kinges highnes, his heyres and successours and executores and euery of them, of all maner felonies offences contemptes trespasses, wronges deceiptes mysdemeanours forfaytures penalities and profittes, sommes of money, peynes of death, peynes corporall and pecuniary, and generally of al other thinges, causes, quarels, suites, iudgmentes, and executions in this p̄sent acte hereafter not excepted nor forprised, which may be or can be by his highenes in any wise, or by any meane pardoned, before and vnto the. xi. day of the moneth of Nouember, in the. xxvi. yere of his moste noble reigne, to euery or any of his said subiectes, bodies corporate, Cities, boroughes, Shires, Riddinges, Hundredes, Lathes, rapes, wapentakes, Townes, villages, and tithinges or to any of them.

AND ALSO the kinges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this p̄sent parlyament, that his sayd free pardon shalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe to euery of his sayde subiectes, bodies corporate, and others before rehersed, and to euery of them by the sayd generall wordes before rehersed, in and ageinst al thinges, whiche be not hereafter in this p̄sent acte excepted, as the same pardon shulde haue ben, if all offences, contemptes, forfaytures, causes, matters, suytes, quarels, iudgementes, executions, penalities, and all other thinges, nat hereafter excepted, had ben particularly, singularly, specially, and playnely, named rehersed and specified and also pardoned by proper and expresse wordes & names in their kindes natures and qualities, by wordes and termes therynto requisyte, to haue benne put and expressed in this p̄sente acte of free pardon: And that his sayde subiectes, nor any of them, nor the heyres executours or admynistratours of any of them, nor any of the sayde bodies corporate & others before named, or any of thē, be nor shalbe sued vexed or inquieted, in their bodies goodes landes nor catalles for any maner mater, cause, contēpt, mysdemenour, forfayture, trespas, office, or any other thinge suffred doon or cōmytted before ỹ said third day of Nouember, against his highnes, his crowne, dygnitie, prerogatife, lawe or statutes: but onely for suche maters, causes & offices, as be plainly rehersed in ỹ excepciōs in this

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p̄sent acte hereafter mencioned, and for none other: any statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vse, or p̄sidēt heretofore had made or vsed to the cōtrarie in any wise not withstondynge.

¶ Also the kynges highnes of his bounteous liberalitie, by auctoritie of this p̄sent parlyament, graunteth and freely gyueth to euery of his said subiectes, and to euery of the said bodies corporate, and others before rehersed, and to euery of them, all suche goodes, catalls, dettes, fines, issues, profites, amerceamentes, forfaytures, and sommes of moneye, by any of them forfayted, whiche to his highnes do or shulde belonge or appertaine by reason of any offence contempte trespace mysdemeanour matter cause or quarell, suffered done or committed by them or any of them, before the saide thirde day of Nouembre, whiche be not hereafter playnely forp̄ised and excepted in this p̄sent acte. And that all and euery the kynges sayde subiectes, and all and synguler bodies corporate, and others before rehersed, may by him or them selfe, or his or their deputie or deputies, or by his or their attourney or attourneys, accordynge to the lawes of this realme plede and mynister this p̄sent act of free pardon for his or their discharge of and for euery thinge, that is by vertue of this p̄sent acte pardoned, discharged, gyuen, or graunted, without any fee or other thynge in any wyse payenge to any persone or persones for writynge or entree of any suche pleadynge of the sayde pardone, or for entree of the iudgement, or other cause concernynge suche plee, writynge, or entre, but onely .xii. d. to be payde to the officer or clerke that shall entre the plee matter or iudgement for the parties discharge in that behalfe, any statute or vse to the contrarie not withstondynge.

¶ And ferthermore the kynges highnes is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this p̄sent parlyament, that his sayde free pardon by the generall wordes before rehersed, shall be reputed demed and iuged, allowed and taken in al maner courtes of his lawes, and els where, as well in the wordes and clauses of the exceptions and forp̄ises specified in this p̄sent acte, as in all and synguler other clauses wordes and sentences, mencioned and rehersed in the said free pardon, moste benefitially and auayliably to all and synguler his sayd subiectes, bodies corporate, and others before rehersed, and to euery of thē, and most strongely in barre and discharge agaynst his highnes, his heires, successours, and executours in euery thyng, without any obstacle, ambiguitie, chalenge, or other delaye what so euer it shalbe, to be made, pleaded, obiected, or alleged by the kyng our soueraygne lorde, his heires, successours, or executours, or by his or any of their general attourney or attorneys, or by any other person or persons for his highnes, or any of his heires, successours, or executours.

¶ And ferthermore it is enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and by auctoritie of this p̄sent parlyament, that if any officer or clerke of any of his high courtes, commonly called the kinges benche, Chaunterie, and commen place or of his escheker, or any other officer or clerke of any other,

of his courtes within this realme, at any tyme after the feaste of Epiphanie of our lorde god nexte comynge, make out or wrote out any maner writtes or other proces, or any extreates sommons or other preceptes, wherby any of the said subiectis, or any of the sayde bodies corporate, or others before rehersed, or any of them, shalbe in any wise arrested, attached, distreined, sommoned, or other wise vexed inquieted or greued, in his or their bodies, landes, tenementes, goodes, or cattalles, or in any of them, for or bicause of any maner of thing pardoned or discharged by vertue of this acte of free pardon, he so offending, and therof lawfully condempned, shal yeld and pay for recompence therof to the partie so greued or offended, treble damages (accompted as parcell of these damages al costes of the suite.) And neuer the les al and synguler such writtes, proces, extreates, and preceptes, so to be made for or vpon any maner thyng pardoned or discharged by this present act of free pardon, shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effect.

EXCEPTED alway, & forprised out of the sayd free pardon al maner of highe treasons, and mysprisions of high treasons, and all suites punyshementes forfaytures and penalities for or by reason or occasion of any of them, all prepensed and voluntarie murders, all robberyes of churches, and robberies done vpon mens persons, all other felonyes and robberyes by the common lawe, of felonous takynge of any money goodes or cattalles aboue the somme or value of. xx. s. all felonous burnynge of howses, all rauyshementes of women, and all and synguler accessaries to any the sayde murders, or murderers, felonies, robberies, brenninges, or rauishementes, felons, robbers, brenners, and rauyshers, all outlaries of high treasons, and of mesprisions of high treasons, and all maner of felonies, other than felonies of the somme or value of twenty shyllynges, or vnder the same somme: and that all other outlaries had or promulged vppon or ageynst any persone or persones for any cause, not beinge treason, mysprision of highe treasons, murder, or felonie aboue the sayde somme of twenty shyllynges, be and shall be pardoned by the generall wordes of this presente acte of free pardone before wrytten: so alwayes that the same persones and euery of theym, stande to ryghte to aunswere or satysfye the partie, at whose suite he is outlawed, according to the lawes of this realme.

ALSO EXCEPTED AND FORPRISED oute of the sayde free pardone, all and synguler conuictions and atteyndours of any person and persons nowe beinge or remaynynge in any conuicte prisone, or in the custodie of any byshop abbot or other spiritual person, or ordinary, & euery of the same persons so attaynted or conuicted. And also all multypliers and nygromancers, multiplications and nygromancies, and al suites impetitions processes and punyshmentes for or vpon the same or any of them: And all titles, and actions of Quare impedit, and all rauyshementes of the kynges wardes, all wastes of the kynges woddes, and his forestes parkes or chaces, all concelmentes of customes and subsidies.

¶ And also excepted and forpfised out of this pardon al inclosures and decayes of houses of husbendry, made, done, committed, or permitted contrary to the forme or effecte of any statute or statutes heretofore made, and also all issues profittes amerciamentes fynes and other penalitties, whiche hereafter shall growe or be forfayted for any suche inclosures or decayes: and all intrusions had made or done in to any maners londes tenementes or other hereditamentes, sythen the feaste of saynte Mychaell the Archangell, whiche was in the .xvi. yere of the kynges most noble reygne: And al and synguler dettes, other then dettes growen upon recognysaunces, beinge of the somme of fyfte poundes or under, and not above that somme, and beinge all redy forfayted for surety of the peace, or for appearaunce at any day or place.

¶ And excepted and forpfised oute of this pardon all accomptes, and all actions suites and impetications for the same accomptes, and arrerages of accomptes, and for the sayde dettes or any of them hereby accepted or forpfised: all homagies and reliefes not don or not payd: all wylfull escapes as well of conuictes as other pfisoners: and all dettes, which were due to the moost noble kynge of famous memory kynge Henry the. vii. or to any person or persons to his use, by any condempnation, recognisaunce, obligation, or otherwise: all and synguler those forfaytures beinge due to our soueraygne lorde kynge Henry the. viii. by any penall statute or statutes, whiche be conuerted in to the nature of dette by iudgement or by agrement of the offendours, before the sayd thyrd day of Nouember: and all forfaytures and other penalities and profittes growen or due by reason of any offence or acte, committed or done contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the common lawe, wherof any seisure is made, or any information is gyuen in the kynges escheker, or any suite there commensed, before the sayde thyrde daye of Nouember, or wherof the kynges highnes by his byll synged or otherwyse, heretofore hath made any gyft or assignemēt to any of his seruauntes.

¶ And also excepted all issues forfayted, fynes, amercyamentes, affered, tared, set, extreated, or iudged severally or perticularly, extendynge to the somme of a.C.s. or above that somme, and that all and singuler other fynes, as well fynes *pro licencia concordandi*, as other, and all other issues and amerciamentes, as well reall as other, whiche severally or perticulerly extende not to the sayd somme of a hundred shyllynges, whether they be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of the shyreffe or not taken to his charge, extreated or not extreated, whether they be torned in to or not in to dette, and not beinge leuied nor receyued by any shireffe or shyreffes, bayliffe, mynisters or other officers, shalbe fully clerely and playnly pardoned and discharged ageynste the kynge oure soueraygne lorde, his heyres and successours for euer by this present acte of free pardon.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that in case it be obiected to or ayenst any shireffe or shireffes, or other accumtauntes in the

kinges courte of Excheker, or in in any other his courtes, that any shireffe or shyreffes, or other officers accomptant, hath receyued or taken any suche fynes, issues, or amerciamentes, by this present act pardoned and acquited, that then euery suche shireffe and shireffes and other accomptauntes, shalbe discharged released pardoned and acquited therof by his or theyr othe, without any ferther tryall in that behalfe.

¶ PROVIDED alway, that this present acte of free pardon, nor any thynge therin conteyned, in any wise extende to discharge remit or acquite any persone or persones, for any suche issues, fynes, and amerciamentes of one hundreth shyllynges or vnder, as any shyreffe heretofore hathe accompted before the barons of the kynges Excheker or els where, and payd the same issues fynes and amerciamentes vppon his or theyr sayde accompte, determined to the kynges vse, and haue his or theyr Quietus eit for the same.

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